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Beth Din: people's court?

Korb declines membership Changes asked of kosher market

The Indianapolis Orthodox community is divided, according to one Orthodox synagogue president, and evidence that the split was widening came last week when Rabbi David Korb of United Hebrew Orthodox Congregation stated that he will not be a consulting rabbi for the newly-formed Orthodox rabbinic court, the Indianapolis Beth Din.

"I don't want to give people the impression that I am a member," Rabbi Korb said. "I don't want to go into details, but I don't want to be a member of the Beth Din."

Furthermore, David Fogle, president of the board of directors of United Hebrew Orthodox Congregation, emphasized that his congregation is not represented by the new Beth Din.

"They (the members of the Beth Din) do not represent the Orthodox community of Indianapolis and they certainly don't represent Rabbi Korb or United

Hebrew Orthodox Congregation," Fogle said. "If those few gentlemen want to form an organization, fine. It's their right and privilege to do. But it's theirs. It does not represent the entire Orthodox community. We want it known that they do not represent us."

Fogle also noted that "The Orthodox community in Indianapolis or any place is not one. If Rabbi Fischweicher said he wants to form something that represents the entire Orthodox community, he ought to talk to the Orthodox community. It's not true that just because he wants it, everybody follows."

Rabbi Chaim Fischweicher, of Congregation B'nai Torah, and the chairman of the Beth Din, said that the other four Orthodox rabbis that are eligible to participate have expressed an interest in being members. They are: Rabbi Abraham Grossbaum of Lubavitch of Indiana, Rabbi Michael Hasten, who will serve

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Rabbi Chaim Fischweicher and the four other members of the newly-formed Indianapolis Orthodox Beth Din have embarked on a campaign to change the standards of kosher food certification at the only fresh kosher meat market in town.

Rabbi Fischweicher suggested to Ruben Reisweg, the owner of Reisweg's Kosher Meat Market and Delicatessen, 6334 Guilford Ave., that he either hire a full-time kosher supervisor (mashgiach) or cut meat from large slabs of already strictly kosher processed meat obtained from a slaughterhouse.

Rabbi Fischweicher and the other members of the Beth Din recently made these suggestions because "the normative Halachic (Jewish law) standards are not met there (at Reisweg's market)," according to a statement issued by the Indianapolis Beth Din in response to an inquiry by the Post and Opinion.

The statement went on to say that if Reisweg followed their suggestions, the Beth Din would support his business "wholeheartedly" and encourage members of the Jewish community to purchase meat from his shop.

However, Reisweg said he does not think Rabbi Fischweicher should question his business because he is already certified kosher by Rabbi David Korb of United Hebrew Orthodox Congregation. Rabbi Korb confirmed that he supervises Reisweg's business.

"We've been here 19 years. We've never been questioned by anybody," said Reisweg. "What Rabbi Fischweicher has to

question, I don't know."

Rabbi Fischweicher emphasized that the Beth Din was not declaring Reisweg's market non-kosher.

"I never told anyone that his butcher shop is not kosher, nor do I have a right to do that, nor do I wish to do that," Rabbi Fischweicher said. "As far as I'm concerned, Rabbi Korb is giving the certification and he bears the responsibility of that."

Rabbi Fischweicher said that he realizes that many families buy their meat from Reisweg and he would not want to be in the position of discouraging members of the Jewish community from the one source of

fresh kosher meat in the city. However, Rabbi Fischweicher explained he has his own standards to follow for himself and for his congregation as well.

Rabbi Fischweicher said a policy of not allowing kosher meat into B'nai Torah's kitchen was also in force when Rabbi Ronald Gray, the former spiritual leader of the congregation, was in town.

Reisweg responded that all the rabbis that have lived in Indianapolis—including Rabbi Gray—have bought meat from him, and that he has many Orthodox customers who are very observant.

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Susannah Heschel to speak at Beth-El February 16

Susannah Heschel, daughter of the late rabbi and philosopher Abraham Joshua Heschel, will present "A Feminist Critique of Religion" at Congregation Beth-El Zedeck Sunday, Feb. 16 from 2-4 p.m.

Heschel is a doctoral candidate at the University of Pennsylvania, and holds an M.A. degree in theology and church history from Harvard Divinity School. She is the author of "On Being a Jewish Feminist," and has lectured extensively on feminism and Judaism.

Rabbi Sandy Sasso of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, who has co-authored a minicourse on the Jewish woman, said Heschel has "inherited a very rich tradition in her family and has continued to enlarge



Susannah Heschel

upon that with her own critical thinking."

The community is invited to attend the lecture, which is sponsored by Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation and Christian Theological Seminary.

Super Sunday boosts Federation campaign totals

The Jewish Welfare Federation's Super Sunday telephone fundraising marathon netted \$70,900 from 938 pledges Feb. 2. As of Feb. 6, total pledges to the 1986 campaign equaled \$3,370,000.

Harry Nadler, executive director of the JWF said he is confident that they will reach their 1986 goal of \$3.6 million by the official end of the campaign in May.

The 1986 goal is a 13.7% increase over the total amount pledged in 1985. In order to determine the pace of the current campaign, the total dollars pledged in 1986 is compared with the "card value" of those pledges last year. After the Super Sunday marathon, pledges to the campaign were totaling just under a 20% increase, according to Nadler.

In 1985, the JWF raised \$3,150,000.

Fischels celebrate 50 years of married life

By GISELA WEISZ
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GOLDEN: Fifty years ago, when Alice and Albert Fischel decided to marry, times were hard in Nazi Germany. Before the religious cere-



mony in the suburb of Cologne — where the parents of Alice lived — couples had to go to the magistrate to have their civil wedding witnessed. Albert remembers that at the city hall they were greeted with a loud "Heil Hitler" by uniformed guards stabbing their arms into the air. The actual wedding took place in the home of Alice. Men in top hats attended the chuppa ceremony conducted by the chief rabbi. The young couple had to

change their planned wedding trip to Paris, due to restrictions for Jews at the time. All of those who attended their wedding — with the exception of two people — not one person remained alive. They all perished prematurely by Nazi persecutions.

But in spite of it all, there were 50 happy years of the Fischels' marriage and now they celebrated.

Mrs. Fischel's brother, Walter Stern and wife Leone, came from Dayton, OH. The brother of Mr. Fischel, Kurt B. Fischel and his wife, Olga, came from Santa Barbara, CA, so did their son, Stephen, from Washington, D.C. Granddaughter Sandra M. Smith was here from Philadelphia and grandson Jeffrey D. also attended from Chicago. Daughter and son-in-law, Ruth M. and Michael L. Smith, as well as Geraldine Smith, helped celebrate. Ruth H. Copley, a childhood friend

also came from Los Angeles.

Albert Fischel chanted the Haftorah and gave a talk at B'nai Torah Congregation. Rabbi Fischweicher also greeted the couple on this momentous occasion.

The Fischels gave a catered Kiddush for the congregation. Cocktails were served in the home of the Smiths and the family finished the festivities with a dinner at the Sheraton Martin Hotel. Congratulations.

ANNIVERSARY: Dale and Ezra Friedlander celebrated their twentieth anniversary with a quiet family dinner party. Congratulations!

A BEGINNING WITH CHANCES: The first day of the new year has found Hoosiers in Ceasars Palace, Las Vegas. Having a good time and lots of laughs were Dale and Zeke Friedlander, Marsha and Jack Frisch, Estelle and Elliott Nelson, Laura and Jeffrey Rich and Phyllis and Gary Schahet.

IN THE SUN: Two couples enjoyed the Caribbean sun in January. Joyce and Danny Sacks and Yudie and Irv Becker sailed around the islands on the Italian ship Costa Riviera.

BIG BIRTHDAY: Jean

Goldstein celebrated her 70th birthday. Paul, her husband, invited the family to the Chateau Normandy to a dinner.

BEARS & PATRIOTS: It seemed that on the weekend preceding the Super Bowl, no one spoke about anything else but the ball game. To witness the big event, Caren and Bob Schoen invited friends to their home. The men positioned at front of TV sets watched the ball fly while the women chatted. For the January 26 buffet dinner, served at half time, Caren prepared lasagna and salads. She also served her own handmade poppyseed cake, pistachio-chocolate cake and cream-cheese brownies.

Enjoying the Schoen's hospitality were Brad and Nancy Bell, Eileen and Jay Borgida, Marcy and Ivan Ekhaus, Fran and Gad Flaumenhaft, Kathy and Howard Gross, Lynn and Jeff Hales, Wendy and Dr. Michael Jacobson, Pauline and Larry January Joyce and Dr. Elliot Kleinman, Kathy O'Brian, Susan and Roger Rix, Sheila and Dr. David Steiman, Donna and Sheldon Swedarsky, Jane Weinberger and Wendy and

Bennie Weidberg.

BABY: Nora and Harry Goldstein became grandparents. In Jerusalem, on January 27, Lisa, their daughter, and her husband Bruce Kermaier, became the parents of a son. The other set of grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Morris Kermaier, Israel. The family's other children are Akiva, 4 and Tzippora, 2.

TWO DECADES: Barbara and Herbert Frankovitz were entertained on their 20th wedding anniversary. Anita and Howard Harris celebrated with the Frankovitzes at Fletcher's American Grill & Cafe.

BIRTHDAY PARTY: February 8 was the big birthday of Riva Katzman. Attending the big birthday were her husband, Abe; her children, Beverly and Alfred Brown, DeeDee and Alvin Katzman and Ellen Katzman; grandchildren Erin and Jordyn Katzman and Barrett and Joshua Brown as well as

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BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Klatch became the parents of a son. Aaron Joseph was born on January 30. Grandparents are Bennie Jacobs, South Bend; and Dr. and Mrs. Ben Klatch, West Lafayette.

Dr. Leon Goldberg, Indianapolis, is a great uncle. Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Karlin, South Bend, are great aunt and uncle of the baby. Nathan, 5, Rachel, 3, are the other children in the family.

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Romantic dreams come true

By LAURIE BORMAN

Like the heroines in her romance novels, Kathy Alerding's dreams have come true. In the loft of her A-frame house in Metamora, Indiana, she's working on her fourth novel at her word processor, while only two years ago she was sifting through rejection slips from publishers.

Alerding, 38, is now living her writer's dream. She's published three romance novels since she first began writing in May 1984, including her newest book, "With Open Arms," which is set in Elkhart County and is based on the contemporary Amish. Her books have been published under Dell's Candlelight Ecstasy Supreme line. But up until two years ago, Alerding only had a far-fetched dream to write.

Alerding, an Indianapolis native, and former member of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, had been a high-school journalist, winning a Theta Sigma Phi (Women In Communications, Inc.) scholarship in 1966. She could have gone on to Indiana University or Indiana State University to major in journalism, but her father, Richard Puyear, did not want her to go away to college.

"I come from a very European family," she explained. "So, I rebelled and said, 'I'll never write again.' And I didn't (until three years ago). I became a psychiatric nurse."

Alerding worked her way through several jobs after graduating from Indiana Central University, as a nurse at Central State Hospital, as the first woman manager for Carrier Corporation's Bryant Air Conditioning and finally as a real estate agent for Jerry Tarshis during a real estate slump.

"My husband said, 'Well,



Kathy Alerding

you're not making anything in real estate, why don't you write?" she said. "I decided to give it two years, and if it didn't work out, then I was just going to forget it. Nobody was more surprised than me (when she sold her book)."

Alerding's mother, Wanda, suggested she get into the then-booming romance novel trend.

"My mother is very encouraging, but she's also very practical. Romance fiction was one of the few doors open to beginning fiction writers," Alerding explained. "I wasn't into murder mysteries or detective stories or horror."

Alerding's husband bought her a pop-up camper, and helped settle her in at a quiet campground near Greenfield for

four months. She finished her first book, "Calling The Shots," a novel inspired by the Indianapolis Checkers, in the camper. It was over a year, however, before she sold the

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IU students attend Zionist conference

By ANNE KOLBERT

BLOOMINGTON — Three Indiana University students participated in a discussion about the Middle East peace process with Israel's UN Ambassador as part of a three day student Zionist conference held in New Jersey last weekend.

The national conference, which was sponsored by the Tagar Zionist Student Activist Movement, was held at the Hyatt Hotel in New Brunswick. About 100 students from universities across the nation attended in depth workshops on issues such as oppressed Jewry and Jewish identity, engaged in campus activism simulations and participated in a comprehensive communications and propaganda response session.

"This conference was an extremely worthwhile experience for all the I.U. students involved because it equipped them not only with the tools and resources for getting in-

involved in campus activism when they return to the university, but it also gave them the motivation and inspiration to pass on their newly gained knowledge to other students," said Renee Hasten, a senior from Indianapolis and the chairman of the Israel Public Action Committee and the Tagar chapter at I.U.

The highlight of the conference was a personal session with Benjamin Netanyahu, the Israeli UN Ambassador, Netanyahu, who met with the students in New York on Sunday, discussed how Yasser Arafat is a continual threat to the peace process, as he has Israel locked in a "circle of blood." He went on to further say that the key to peace in the Middle East is to construct a wall to "prevent them (the Arab nations) from coming in and devouring us."

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Yiddish club

The Indianapolis Yiddish Club will listen to Rabbi Avraham Grossbaum speak about the Lubavitch movement on Sunday, Feb. 16 at 2 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center. Rabbi Grossbaum is the executive director of Lubavitch of Indiana. Refreshments will be served at the meeting.

Crisis Line help

INDIANAPOLIS — Dennis Bumgarner, Crisis and Suicide Intervention Service Chairman at the Mental Health Association in Marion County, has announced the schedule for the next training session of crisis line volunteers.

Persons interested in becoming a volunteer for the crisis line will be screened for training on Tuesday, February 25 or Thursday, February 27. Classes in how to communicate with people in crisis, how to assess lethality, and how to utilize the network of community resources will begin March 1.

Bumgarner, noting the ever-increasing number of calls to the line, up 47% in three years, said, "The growing awareness that suicide can be prevented, that crisis can be defused through trained listening and knowledgeable referrals, means we need volunteers on the line

now more than ever."

For more information call the crisis line coordinator, Mary Hoffmann, at 269-1569.

Softball in February

Slow pitch softball teams will bundle up for the eighth annual "Bud Light/Q-95 March of Dimes Sno-ball Softball Tournament on Feb. 8 and 9 beginning at 8:30 a.m. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the March of Dimes.

The March of Dimes is sponsoring separate Men's and Co-ed tournaments in Indianapolis at various city parks. Also, another tournament is being held in Columbus, Indiana on Saturday. 107 teams have signed up to bundle up their overcoats and play in the bitter cold.

The final four teams from both the Men's and Co-ed tournaments will receive a team trophy, plaques and a winners' party at Picadilly's. In Columbus, the first and second place teams in the winners tournament and the first and second place teams in the consolation tournament will receive a participation plaque and a pizza party at Noble Romans.

Soltes drama at Institute

The Bureau of Jewish Ed-

ucation, under the auspices of the E.D.C. (Educational Directors' Council) will sponsor a one-day Teachers' Institute for teachers of the B.J.E., J.C.C., Beth-El Zedeck and I.H.C. on Sunday, Feb. 16 at the B.J.E.

"Blessed Is The Heart", the story of Hannah Senesh, written by and starring Dafna Soltes, will be presented at the Institute.

The story tells about the inspired life and tragic death at age 23, of a young Jewish heroine. Dafna Soltes has created a dramatic one-woman show that was based on original diaries and letters of poetry of Senesh.

This Teacher Inservice has been sponsored by the JWF Endowment Fund and by the participating schools.

Prayer for McClellans

Prayers of thanksgiving for the reunification of Refusenik, Irina McClellan, and her husband, Woodford, were offered in the houses of worship this weekend in Greater Lafayette, as well as memorial prayers on behalf of the seven crew members of the Challenger. A special prayer of thanksgiving upon the arrival of Irina and her daughter on Thursday, January 30, was written by Elliott D. Keen, student chairperson of the Committee on Human Rights in the Soviet Union at Purdue University, and a Purdue University senior engineering student from Indianapolis. He emphasized in his prayer that the McClellans "...are together again because there were people who cared enough to do something..." "We thank the Lord that we are among the doers." His prayer

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Grocery store to open

On February 17th, Bartenbach Food Emporium will celebrate their Grand Opening at 7241 North Keystone (formerly Preston Safeway). Bartenbach Food Emporium will offer personalized service, and quality gourmet foods to the Northside. There are many fine groceries on the Northside, but this one will be a welcome addition.

A recent visit to the store revealed complimentary cup of coffee for customers, an unlimited supply of ethnic foods, an excellent deli menu, and wines and beers from all over the globe. Of interest to many will be home delivery service (with a \$10 minimum purchase). Tom Bartenbach's new store surely fits its name "Bartenbach Food Emporium".



NORM WEISMAN

FLASH! True or false! Two persons talking! One said, "Shall we play a friendly game of cards," and the reply was "no, let's play bridge!" — FLASH! A doctor's report about the triplets I wrote about that are expected are "confidence!" Due around May 1st! No more about this until its all over, and OK. The parents are thrilled! — FLASH! To the parents with "no children!" There is a small mechanical device that will wake you up is called a "clock!" (It will also be a reminder that you have "time!")FLASH! A real honor for Matt Regentstrief who was selected on the All State Soccer team! I hear he is the only one from North Central! Congrats to Matt, who I predict will make Athletic headlines in the future (he is a senior) because he is in great shape to win more honors! Congrats to Matt's charming parents, Dave and Pearl, who is a great aid to Matt! Go, go, go Matt!

FLASH! A chuckle! Hear about the fellow who went to Florida, for the "winter?" and "got it!".....Like this better! The best way to "communicate" with a fish is to drop him a line! (Sounds fishy to me, too!).....FLASH! At all former Indiana of Jewish Youth of the Kirshbaum days! Remember that swell guy, Abner Schwartz (lives in Boston) just came to visit his "mom", charming Jennie Schwartz. Looks great! Says "hello" to all his friends! Hurry back, Abner!.....Remember gals and guys! Don't say I said so, but it's "leap year!" So as a "shotchan" (marriage broker) says Neu, Neu, but give me the scoop! (would you call a fellow who married again, took on a

new "leash" on life!)FLASH! Here's a weighty problem that was terrific! Remember that 300 pound guy who bowled with the B'nai B'rith league several years ago, and his name is Jerry Block? He is now back in town! Jerry lost 107 (yes, I said 197) pounds in 16 months, and is looking wonderful! Glad to have you back, Jerry, and remember, we need you for next year's bowling league! A nice guy, too! — (Reminds me of a class at the Center, that has exercises for adult males! This is true! And its called the "stretch" and "Kvetch" class!

FLASH!...Here's a tee hee! Hear about the fellow who said he raised his kids on "Parental Magazine!" He never read it but he rolls it up and whacks "em" on the "behind"! (They probably call it "parental" guidance with that end in view!)

FLASH! Welcome to a comparative new couple, Joyce and Hal Levin! Joyce is commissary manager at the Center, and Hal is a manufacturer rep with the Campus Sportswear! They are a welcome asset to our community. FLASH! Here's a couple of "hair raising" stories! One fellow was telling friends why he had his extra heavy chair "cut off." It was the day two women followed him to the bathroom! But another extra heavy bushy and long hair guy said, "If I ever have my hair cut, it would be a load off my mind".....Attention teen clubs, like Temple Teens, USY, BBG, AZA #246 and #520 Club, NC5Y and Debettes! Please get in touch with the dynamic Miriam Silverman, teenage director at the Center and ask about another

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The middle of February brings to mind the great Presidents of our nation: Washington and Lincoln. Life is filled with paragons!

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BY RHODA ISRAELOV, CLU, CFP



"Leaving heirs with less than they have expected makes them remember us longer."...Bob Hope.

While it's a fact that most retirees don't like to eat into the principal sums they've worked so long to accumulate, others have no great desire to leave a fortune to their heirs. These folks feel perfectly comfortable enjoying some of the return of their principal as well as the return on it. So much has been written about investing towards financial independence, but little about investing at a point in time at which one can honestly claim to have reached some of one's goals.

If your situation is such that the children are educated and settled, the debts paid, you are retired and collecting social security and a pension, yet you find the investment income is not quite enough to provide the lifestyle you'd like, you may want to start spending some of your children's inheritance. The extreme of this point of view was represented by a septuagenarian client couple of mine who remarked, "If, when we have died, anything is left over for our children, we will have miscalculated."

There are many strategies for winding down investments so as to provide income for the golden years, just as there are strategies for building a portfolio of investments over one's earning years. The risk factor to be dealt with is that of outliving one's money, and becoming, God forbid, dependent upon the younger generation. The investment package must, therefore, be designed to hedge against this risk, and its sister, purchasing-power risk, which is the result of inflation over time.

Just as an annuity can be the safety base when you are growing money towards retirement, it can also form a safety base for your golden-year investing, by providing a monthly check which you cannot outlive. The monthly payments consist partly of taxable return and partly of tax-free principal.

The next tier of your golden years' portfolio could consist of Ginnie Mae unit trusts. This kind of investment is fully guaranteed and provides a monthly principal-plus-interest payment. Long-term GNMA's for older retirees will almost certainly last through life expectancy, even if principal is spent rather than reinvested.

Since neither the annuity nor the Ginnie Mae protects against purchasing power risk, the next tier might consist of a mutual fund of stocks put on a systematic monthly withdrawal plan. In a capital-preservation-minded portfolio the recommended percentage of withdrawal would be less than the anticipated dividend, but in a golden years strategy, you could take 12 percent annually out of a fund whose long-term appreciation rate you estimate to be less than that. While this situation needs monitoring from time to time, it makes sense for those who wish a rising income to keep pace with inflation.

Some of your investments may actually already be self-liquidating. All you need do now is to stop reinvesting the principal portion of your payment. Many real estate partnerships distribute return of capital dollars when they refinance properties. Mature oil drilling partnerships and royalty trusts return some principal. Option income funds are really returning principal when you get premium dollars for options on stocks that are called away, causing a drop in investment value. If you own an

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Beth Din evaluates kosher market

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In addition, Reisberg said that he used to sell meat to the Hebrew Academy, but the Academy has not placed any orders since Rabbi Fischweicher came to Indianapolis.

Rabbi Fischweicher acknowledged that the Hebrew Academy may not be using Reisberg's meat "since a few months ago," but he said: "I didn't pressure them, I didn't influence them—they're a totally independent body."

The Hebrew Academy's educational director Raymond Stern, who also supervises the kitchen there, said he was not sure if the Academy had placed any orders with Reisberg lately because the Academy orders meat and frozen products from several vendors.

David Fogle, president of the Board of Directors of United Hebrew Orthodox Congregation said that his board plans to vote to support Reisberg's market at their next meeting Feb. 18.

The members of the Indianapolis Beth Din include Rabbi Fischweicher, Rabbi Abraham Grossbaum of Lubavitch of Indiana, Rabbi Michael Hasten, the Beth Din's newly elected secretary, Rabbi Tan-

Beth Din Statement

The statement by the Indianapolis Beth Din is submitted in response to a request by the Indiana Jewish Post and Opinion.

The Indianapolis Beth Din has evaluated the local butcher shop at 6334 Guilford Avenue, which, according to former B'nai Torah Rabbi Ronald Gray, has not had formal kashrut certification for the last few years. It has also noted that many kashrut-observing Jews in Indianapolis do not patronize this shop because normative Halachic standards of kashrut are not met there. At the same time, the Beth Din believes that a significant number of patrons of the local butcher might purchase non-kosher meat if a statement were issued declaring it non-kosher.

While it is the opinion of the Beth Din that, based on its evaluation, kashrut certification cannot be granted at this time, the Beth Din has issued no statement declaring this establishment to be non-kosher. Rather, it has offered suggestions to the proprietor that, if followed, would enable the Beth Din to support his business wholeheartedly and to encourage members of the Jewish community to purchase their meat from his shop.

The Beth Din regrets that this matter has come to the attention of the general public before it could be resolved to the satisfaction of all concerned.

The Indianapolis Beth Din,
Rabbi Chaim Fischweicher
Rabbi Abraham Grossbaum
Rabbi Michael Hasten
Rabbi Tanchum Raybi
Rabbi Robert Schwartz

chum Raybi on the Hebrew Academy and Rabbi Robert Schwartz, B'nai Torah's youth director.

Gisela California trip

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Bernice and Bernie Silver at the Milano Inn. The family is giving a trip to Mrs. Katzman, she is going to visit a favorite aunt in California.

SEEING THE WORLD: Thelma and Melvin Smith have returned from a cruise. The ship, Sun Viking, took them around the Caribbean Islands. On St. Thomas they visited the age-old Jewish temple, they have seen the sad picture, the destruction created by the war on Granada and also they had an opportunity to see a madras factory in action on the island of St. Kitts.

LA CHAIM!: The messenger delivered 19 balloons to Jodi Frankovitz, daughter of Barbara and Herb Frankovitz, on her 18th birthday, one for each of her years — and one to grow on. She also participated in a family dinner, given to honor her. Congratulations!

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"Goodbye New York" hello Israel

By CHARLES EPSTEIN

A wonderful surprise is in store for you when you see the film "Goodbye New York." Aside from the opening scenes in New York and inside an



airplane, the bulk of this enchanting film takes place in Israel.

Even though this is

basically an Israeli film, what makes it so outstanding is that its purpose is not flag waving but entertainment.

The success of this venture must go to Amos Kollek, who wrote and directed "Goodbye New York." Adding to the success of the film is the fact that he also plays the lead. Kollek is a kind of "sane" Israeli Peter Sellers. His subdued humor evokes a million bursts of laughter. He is truly the genius behind this wonderful piece of extraordinary fluff.

The story centers around the outrageous talents of Julie Hagerty. Remember her from "Airplane"? She decides to leave her job and philandering

husband to start a new life in Paris. Thus "Goodbye New York", but there is no "Hello Paris" because she neglects to get off the plane in Paris and finds herself in the Holy Land airport with no money, no luggage, and luckily for us, no brains.

The mishaps that befall her are hilarious. Kollek accidentally meets her. Trying to make the best of a horrible situation, Hagerty goes to a kibbutz. There she is dubbed "The American Queen" due to her superior attitude toward forced labor.

Using the word "cute" could be like giving the kiss of death to a fine movie. But "Goodbye New York" is the cutest film I have ever seen. Kollek is brilliant in his bumbling way. Julie Hagerty is superb at being out of her realm of reality and trying to make the best of it. The marvelous chemistry of these two is obvious on the screen and makes for an exceptionally delightful film.

The situation of an American "babe" lost in our wonderland of Israel makes for joyous fun. The one-liners are knee slappers. The situations are belly shakers. The clash of cultures is a delightful explosion of pleasure.

Since "Goodbye New York" had limited runs throughout the United States, discovering where it might be playing could be difficult. I would suggest checking local video stores for the movie tape. That is how I caught up with this charming movie. "Goodbye New York" is really a hello greeting of enjoyment.

Raymond Garmel, 67, attorney

Raymond Garmel, 67, an Indianapolis attorney, died Wednesday, Feb. 5 at St. Vincent Hospital. Services were Friday, Feb. 7 at Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Meridian Hills Mortuary.

Garmel was a member of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, B'nai B'rith George Choban Lodge, American Israel Political Action Committee, National Jewish Coalition, the Center on Religion and Society, Americans for a Safe Israel, Herut Zionists of America and Mideast Information Resource.

He was also a member of Committee for a Free World, Indiana Committee on Foreign Relations, Coalition for Representative Democracy and the Indianapolis Museum of Art.

Garmel was a lecturer on the Middle East for the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and wrote articles on the Middle East and human rights for the Jewish Post and Opinion. He also wrote for Israel Today, a West Coast Jewish daily newspaper, and frequently wrote letters which were published on the editorial pages of the Indianapolis News and the Indianapolis Star.

Garmel was a history scholar, writing an article in 1966 for the National Observer on the Battle of Yorktown.

Garmel graduated from Brooklyn Law School in New

York and was admitted to practice law before the New York Supreme Court in 1956.

From 1956-61 he was an attorney for the Social Security Administration in Baltimore. He then worked as a planner for the Department of Health, Education and Welfare from 1961-66. During that time, he also was a speech writer for the director of the Department of Health and Human Services.

He was a planner for the Youth Services Division in Washington, D.C. from 1966-69.

In 1970, Garmel came to Indianapolis as a planner for the Model Cities program under then-Mayor Richard G. Lugar.

From 1972 until he retired in 1984, Garmel worked for the Veterans Administration in Indianapolis.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Marion Simon Garmel, art critic and Free Time editor for the Indianapolis News; a daughter, Christine Blum; two sisters, Madeline Sokol and Phyllis Bernstein; and three grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Americans for a Safe Israel, 147 East 76th St., New York, New York, 10021, Indianapolis Museum of Art, Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis or Hadassah.

Sidney Goldstein, 62

Sidney Z. Goldstein, 62, vice-president of Falender Development Corporation, died Friday, Feb. 6 in St. Vincent Hospital. Services were Monday, Feb. 10 at Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Meridian Hills Mortuary.

Goldstein was a member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck and Beth-El Zedeck Men's Club. He had also served as a board member for the congregation.

Goldstein was born in Miskolc, Hungary and was a survivor of a German concentration camp of World War II. The rest of Goldstein's family perished at the camp.

He came to the U.S. in 1947, attended Emmerich Man-

ual High School and Butler University. He was drafted and served as an Army medic in the Korean War.

Goldstein worked for a year for Sears, Roebuck & Co. after his discharge from the Army before he took a position as a superintendent of construction for the Falender Development Corporation.

He also worked as a real estate broker.

Survivors include his wife, Charlotte Schwartz Goldstein, his daughter, Elaine Mordoh, and a grandson.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

Sara Gorman, 84

Sara Evintzky Gorman, 84, Syracuse, N.Y., formerly of Indianapolis, died Tuesday, Feb. 4 in a Syracuse nursing home. Services were Sunday, Feb. 9 at Hebrew Benevolent Society, Detroit.

Gorman was born in Jetimur, Ukraine, and had lived here 20 years.

She was a piano teacher, and had taught music in Detroit from 1925 to 1962. She also taught piano lessons and performed concerts there. She was a member of the National Piano Teachers Society.

Gorman was the widow of Meyer Gorman. Survivors include her son, Dr. Marvin Gorman, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



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as secretary, Rabbi Tanchum Raybi, on the Hebrew Academy faculty, and Rabbi Robert Schwartz, the youth director for Congregation B'nai Torah.

The Beth Din is composed of three or more rabbis and deals with matters of Jewish law (Halachah), including conversion, religious divorce and kosher food (kashrut) certification. It also acts as a court of arbitration in disputes concerning Jewish law. Orthodox law demands the approval of a Beth Din for conversion and religious di-vorce.

Kashrut certification may be offered by an individual rabbi or by an organized group such as the Beth Din. Presently the Beth Din has offered certification to one kosher caterer in Indianapolis, Phyllis Herman's The Elegant Touch. Other businesses have applied for certification from the Beth Din and will be investigated individually, Rabbi Fischweicher said.

The Indianapolis Board of Rabbis, made up of all the rabbis in Indianapolis, is responsible for making recommendations to Hooverwood and Park Regency concerning kashrut

supervision. Rabbi Korb and Rabbi Fischweicher work together on the apartments and nursing home kashrut committees in supervision. The new Beth Din does not affect that situation.

In addition, Rabbi Korb privately certifies Reisweg's Kosher Meat Market and Delicatessen as kosher. Rabbi Fischweicher had also privately certified some businesses before the formation of the Beth Din, but will now defer his private supervision to the Beth Din.

"Most of the rabbis on the Beth Din would prefer to share the responsibility with the others," Rabbi Fischweicher said. "For me personally, I would much rather these things are under the supervision of the Beth Din than under just my personal supervision."

Rabbi Fischweicher added that visits to businesses can be time consuming, and he thinks that sharing his supervision duties with the Beth Din will more evenly distribute the workload.

Students hear Israeli at conference

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During the conference, the students were divided into groups and placed through several campus simulations, which forced them to work under pressure and to make critical decisions about how to respond in certain situations. "These type of simulations are very valuable in training how to be an effective campus activist, because they sharpen your analytical and decision making skills, as well as your group communication skills," Hasten said.

The students also had an

Romance novelist lives her dreams

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novel. "I got a tremendous share of rejection slips," she noted. "They told me right up front that I was not the level they were looking for. But on my fourth try, I sold."

Alderling is currently working on two novels, one about her first visit to Israel last summer and the other set in the historical village of Old Metamora, Indiana. She went to Israel with an Orthodox friend of hers from Toronto. The friend, a native Israeli, was to meet a romantic Israeli pen-pal, with the object of marriage. It turned out the man in Israel just wanted to marry her friend to get a foreign citizenship so he could get Canadian dollars out of various Swiss and English bank accounts he had. Her friend was going to get \$25,000 for her troubles. This event became the sub-plot for her book, while the guide she met in Safed became her main character.

"He represented the other side of Israelis," she said. "Those who stay and are

building."

Since her return from Israel, Alderling has moved from Indianapolis to Metamora, where her husband, Donald, owns a co-operative arts and crafts shop. The shop is located in a 154-year-old house, the oldest in the village. The Alderlings sell handcrafted items that family members and friends make, and promote demonstrations of various crafts in their store.

The eldest of 11 children, Alderling is a mother to nine adopted children. Three teenagers, Darlene, 14, Doyle, 15

and Daniel, 17 still live at home with her and her husband. She became a grandmother in September.

The whirlwind beginning of her writing life has been satisfying, but sometimes Alderling doubts if she can handle much more. "It's wonderful but sometimes I think you can die from too much success," she said.

"Calling The Shots," "Bending The Rules," and "With Open Arms" by Kathy Alderling are published by Dell, New York.

Rhoda Israelov

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appreciated stock, begin a systematic liquidation of the stock in order to raise your current standard of living.

Enjoy, enjoy. There are many ways to enliven your lifestyle without incurring high risk in your investments. Use caution, design a plan, but feel no guilt about using the money for the purpose for which you saved and scrimped in the first place. Those with larger estates may use more sophisticated techniques such as private annuities and charitable trusts, but everyone can start with one or more of the ideas outlined here. One of your first expenditures on yourself: a bumper sticker reading "I'm spending my children's inheritance."

All letters will receive a response, although only a limited number can be printed. Try to keep your letter to two or three brief paragraphs. Rhoda Israelov is an account executive with E.F. Hutton & Co., Inc. and a Certified Financial Planner in Indianapolis. The opinions expressed in this column are not necessarily the opinions of this newspaper.

Prayers for reunited family

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was written to be read at the Hillel Foundation Sabbath service on Friday evening and in the synagogues, and at Sunday morning services in the churches of Greater Lafayette.

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"Stunt Nite" affair! I started a "stunt night" with all "teen" groups at that time, during the Kirshbaum days. Ask your parents, who probably remember it, because they were in it! It's my dream to start another one! Talk to Miriam! You will find that a "stunt nite" will always be in your memory! I'll be glad to help! FLASH! A "blurb" about a starlighters fashion show after the committee meets at RalFs, Feb. 26, and more data and names will be had!

FLASH! The Atlanta (NBA) Hawks basketball team practiced at the Center gym, due to the fact, the Arena was booked for something else, and the Center

intensive three hour propaganda and communications workshop with Jeff Kahn, who has done extensive work involving psychological warfare and is presently working with a public relations firm in New York. Kahn also has worked for Israel's foreign ministry involving psychological warfare.

Mr. Kahn showed the students the various subtle ways in which images can be manipulated and discussed the different types of Arab propaganda which he says are currently circulating on the nation's college campuses.

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FLASH! A smile! Please! A fellow who had a terrible sea sickness while he was traveling across the ocean by "Rail"!.....

A father was asked, "How is your son doing in college," and the father said, "He must be doing well in languages because I just paid for three courses, 50 dollars for Latin, 35 dollars for Greek and 200 dollars for scotch!" (He showed good "spirit" in his last course!)

FLASH! Our heartfelt thanks to all for the cards, letters and calls, during our recent tragedy!....(Editors note! Sorry Norm had to shorten the column!)

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Consisting of 588 unbound pages, designed and hole-punched for easy teacher use of specific materials, the combined manual — and a supplementary handbook for parents — explores "such concepts and experiences as love, self-identity, being, becoming, joy, despair and prejudice, to help children gain a better understanding of themselves as indi-

viduals and enhance their respect for, and understanding of, differences in others," Mr. Freedman said.

The instructional units were created, organized and developed by Marlene Cummings, Human Relations Coordinator of the

Metropolitan School District in Madison as a result of her experiences as a psychiatric nurse in preventive mental health programs.

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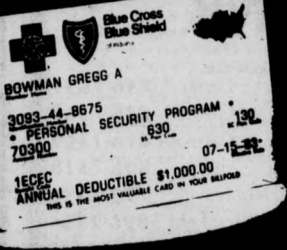
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A five-year-old's confusion

Being Jewish in America

By SHERRY ROSEN

Born in Ein Karem and having spent two years of her young life in and around the Holy City, our five-year-old Devorah previously associated

Christianity with the priests and nuns she used to see on the streets arousing her interest as would any small minority group.

Now the tables have been dramatically turned, and she finds herself confronting a non-Jewish majority for what is in effect the first time. Such experiences have led to the gradual evolution in her mind of a logical, reasoned theory about being Jewish in America.

For starters, being Jewish in America means that the universe is newly divided into those who are, and those who aren't. It takes the form of a litany of questions no doubt familiar to

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all Diaspora parents: "Is Grandma Jewish? Is Uncle Joe Jewish? Is Aunt Mollie? My baby brother? what about Grandpa — was he Jewish too?" (At least there are some signs of progress across the generations. A very close relative of this child used to ask her own mother, "Is Grandpa Christmas or Hanukkah?")

It means the realization, a gradual one, that our history is not entirely synonymous with their history. Hence: "When the white people came to America and pushed the Indians out, it wasn't us who did it, 'cause we're Jewish, right?"

This can be a very comforting thought in a nation currently engaged in an orgy of remorse over the plight of its native peoples. It gets a little more confusing, however, as we approach the more recent shameful episodes of U.S. history, as in: "When the white people were mean to the black people, were there any Jews around?"

This concept of a separate past can, of course, be a double-edged sword. In addition to providing a handy way out of the collective guilt, it can also exclude one from the collective joys.

"Do Jews celebrate Valentine's Day? Groundhog Day?

'King' Martin Luther's Birthday?" (This 'king' invariably undergoes coronation at the hands of youngsters, who have trouble accepting the crown as a mere surname.)

The problem becomes all the more urgent when the questioner has just returned with a fistful of Valentine greeting cards clutched in her hand. (Again, the dilemma crosses both time and space; a decade ago in another part of the country, her cousin was afraid to eat a proffered Christmas cookie, convinced that ingesting the treat would automatically turn her into a Christian.)

Granted, there is a blending of holidays of late that would astonish all but the most cynical. Would anyone care to guess, for example, how many used or unbought Halloween costumes, shipped from the U.S. by dotting relatives, show up five months later on Israeli children outfitted for Purim? Or how many boxes of leftover Christmas-tree decorations are provided by ecumenical manufacturers to consumers in need

of colorful decorations for their *succot*?

Even so, the five-year-old mind has to work overtime to keep track of the proper cross-listing of holidays: ours, theirs, and the joint productions that crop up periodically to confuse everyone.

Being Jewish in America means trying to delineate the attributes to all of American Jewry.

Thus, our prodigy informs us that anyone who can say "Shalom" must be Jewish. Conversely, anyone who is Jewish must be able to speak Hebrew, rolling his "reshes" and dropping his "heys" along with

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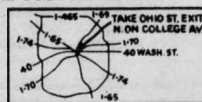
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 the best of them. (Ashkenazi inflection and guttural "ayin" and "het" are ancient history for our little sabra.) This expectation can lead Deborah to some pretty strange deductions, such that a rabbi she met recently is not Jewish, and that the Episcopalian student of divinity who greeted her in Hebrew, is.

Moreover, her local Israeli playmates are themselves losing the language of the Bible at a rapid clip, abandoning dozens of words with each passing month of sabbatical or service to the State that sent them here. Then there are the Israeli-born parents who are sent to Hebrew School to learn their "native" tongue, but our little one has yet to ponder the implications for Judaism of this phenomenon.

At the same time, a certain Jewish influence appears to be spreading throughout our local kindergarten class, as Deborah's use of "Ima" and "Abba" is picked up by her friends, who presume she is addressing her parents by their first names. You haven't really experienced the melting-pot until you have been called "Ima" by a blonde-haired, blue-eyed tot named Patricia who worships regularly at St. Michael's Church. Lately, however, the American penchant for shortening everything to familiar nicknames has caught up with our child; today, for example we distinctly heard her say, "Hey, Im, what are we having for supper?"

Being Jewish in America means having to develop a Jewish concept of God, which is hard enough for most adults in this era of post-miracle sophistication.

Deborah has very fixed notions about the Creation. "Did God make the world back in the olden days, when He was just a child?" she queries.

Her feminist mother sighs. How did the Shechina become so masculinized, and so soon? "We don't really know exactly

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when and how She created the world," we hedge cautiously.

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"Ima, is God here?" she will ask in the most challenging of locations: the supermarket, the beauty shop, the YWCA gymnasium. And, "If God is real, then can He die?"

As we try to explain the differences between real and pretend and real and not visible, she smiles and says, "Oh, you mean God is like a shadow..."

Being Jewish in America also means having to deal with the fact that quite a few of her playmates have one Jewish parent and one Christian parent.

This puzzles Devorah to no end, and arouses an extreme curiosity that can only be satisfied by an immediate and direct interrogation as to each new friend's one, true religious label. Nor does she tend to get the kind of definitive answer she is seeking. "I'm half and half," the little friend will tell her, or even, "I guess I'm neither."

To add to the confusion, the families often placate grand-

parental unease with such devices as giving the children biblical names, preferably the same ones that are cherished by Yankee ancestors. This leads to a certain situation in certain neighborhoods and among certain age-groups, whereby all the Jewish children are all Heathers and Eliases and Jasons, and the Christian or mixed children are all Sarahs and Rachels and Josh-

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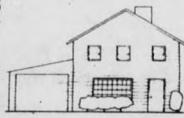


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 Being Jewish in America means being ever-vigilant about kashrut, to whatever degree one observes it.

Devorah recently refused to attend a birthday party unless she could have a little note in her pocket to show her friend's parents, listing the foods she knew she wasn't supposed to eat. We once tried to have her memorize the "Big Three" — NO HAM, NO PORK, NO SHELLFISH — to be recited whenever required with an appropriate finger-snapping disco rhythm, but she kept stumbling over "shellfish" muddling it up with eggshells and starfish, neither of which did we think she was likely to be offered. As it turned out on this

occasion, the birthday girl's parents felt somewhat abashed that the refreshments they had prepared consisted solely of ice cream and cake.

Being Jewish in America means coping with school lunches, which feature fewer of the forbidden items than they did a generation ago, but are still not entirely "safe."

Problem Number One was solved when a call to the school's kitchen revealed the secret information that everyone's favorite hot dog lunch not only contained no pork, but no beef either.

"Please, don't tell the kids they are made from chicken," pleaded the food services director. "Once they know it's cheaper and more nutritious, they'll never touch it again."

On other days, the kindly kitchen crew will serve our child a cheese or peanut butter sandwich in place of a treif entree. This arouses much envy among her companions, who breathe, "Ooh, you're so lucky," and drool over the same food they hardly tasted yesterday, when it was the featured item on the lunchroom menu.

Being Jewish in America means, ultimately, accepting the existence of differences without feeling the need to ask, as Devorah does now, "Ima, are the Jews right?"

No precocious politician she; it is just the all too human desire for a monopoly on the truth as compensation for all the inconveniences of being eternally different.

It gets pretty tedious having to explain all the time why she didn't get any Christmas presents, and why she won't be having a new dress for Easter, and why a cheeseburger is not her version of a really terrific lunch, despite the billions that have been sold under the golden arches from coast to coast. And it can be downright frustrating to be going to the synagogue on Saturday when your friends are playing, watching cartoons on TV or sleeping late.

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The story would be funnier if it were less predictable. The little girl was told in class that the richness of American life is in its diversity, but her home remained an isolated enclave, pervaded by sameness.

Dr. Sterling W. Brown, past president of the National conference of Christians and Jews says, "The little girl is trapped in a ghetto created by well-meaning parents who have starved her of the kind of education she needs to prepare herself realistically for the integrated world in which she will reach adulthood. This education, derived from experiences shared with those whose race, religion, nationality, income level, aspirations and tastes are different from hers, is necessary for her to learn to value such differences rather than fear them. The life of the average suburban child is much like this little girl's. It is far more circumscribed than that of her counterpart in the city, who is virtually certain to encounter racial, ethnic and economic diversity in school or on the street. The suburban child's

social contacts are almost totally controlled by his parents.

How well is suburbia — the home of vast numbers of Americans and, increasingly, the trendsetter for the entire population — preparing its children for the future? More and more, this question is concerning parents, school administrators, classroom teachers and community organizations.

The National Conference of Christians and Jews (NCCJ) has found that "rearing children of good will is basically a problem of educating parents of good will." One of its oldest

programs, known as *Rearing Children of Good Will*, helps to sensitize parents to the effects of their attitudes and behavior upon their children, and then to change their attitudes and behavior upon their children, and the nto chage their attitudes and behavior.

NCCJ also operates workshops for teachers. One of these was attended by the teacher of the little girl who wrote the composition. "One thing I learned," he said, "is that if parents and teachers want to teach good will, we must show by example that we really believe it and practice it."

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This is an appalling chapter in American history, but a good one to remember as we assess the problems of minorities today.

Working with minority groups has justified the initial conviction — shared by many thoughtful managements — that in the US any member of a minority group has a right to work at any job he is capable of performing, regardless of his color, his nationality or his religion. There are more and more executives who see equal job opportunity as a means for business to increase the sources of skill and talent it needs to maintain its lead and move ahead.

From the standpoint of good business, the feeling is, it is worth re-emphasizing that the policy of hiring people for what they can do, rather than for who they may happen to be, is hardly sentimental indulgence. The practice has shown that under conditions of complete job equality, his abilities match those of any other worker.

For more than 20 years, the National Conference of Christians and Jews (NCCJ) has convened management, labor and community leaders in a nationwide dialogue to promote equal opportunity in labor and industry. At one NCCJ Labor-Management Public Interest seminar Robert L. Herron, vice president of the retail chain, Loblaw, Inc., shared his experience:

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By JAMES E. MIGNARD, Ph.D.

The HEW staff has reviewed your application for permission to undertake a project on desert living and thinks it has some merit. However, we cannot approve it as it stands because you have not interfaced with Federal rules and regulations on socially oriented proposals and have failed to meet several Government standards. A reading team studied your program carefully. Their criticisms and recommendation in the following paragraphs will help you understand our concerns. You may want to rewrite your proposal according to our suggestions.

First of all, it is not clear to us whether your ten words, or ten commandments, as some of our staff call them, are guidelines or a bona fide program for governing people in a nomadic societal setting. We assume they are more than

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a job. As employment manager, it was up to me to find qualified people. Frankly, I approached the assignment with many misgivings.

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guidelines; therefore we must point out that we do not approve social programs that have been designed without the assistance of consultants who have been certified by HEW.

The regulations require that experts with doctorates and at least ten years experience be consulted whenever a proposal writer deals in areas in which he/she has no professional competence. You speak, for example, of family relationships, neighbors and "the sojourner

who is within your gates" (tidy up this phrase a bit), the obvious domain of sociology, but have not listed a single sociologist as a consultant.

There is no evidence that you sought the advice of lawyers when you drafted the sections on killing and stealing. We think a scholar with a national reputation in ethics could have improved what you were trying to say about bearing false witness and committing

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adultery. And was there a good reason for avoiding theologians when you wrote about having no other gods or not taking the divine name in vain or not making graven image?

Your failure to utilize professional testimony seriously

weakens the proposal; indeed if we were to approve it, our own experts advise us that it would not last more than four or five years.

More specifically, we question the soundness of many of your ideas. Take the phrase, "You shall have no other

gods before me." Not only is this unclear, but we are troubled by the absence of measurable behavioral objectives. How will you know whether this is being accomplished? Do you plant to administer pre- and post-tests, or will you use some kind of peer review? If this idea is so valuable, why is it so negative? In fact, why have you emphasized the negative in these propositions? We believe your proposal would be more easily implemented if it were recast in positive terms.

The "graven image" statement. We are puzzled by the weight you give this both in terms of the number of words you have used and its position among the ten. Did you prioritize? does it really belong in second place? Is it necessary to include threats? Furthermore, as you surely know, a needs assessment must accompany every application submitted for HEW approval, but you have none. Without supporting data, we have no way of knowing whether there is a genuine "graven image" problem among your people. Please detail this in an appendix with charts, bar diagrams, histograms and statistics.

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vain" is a fuzzy expression. A couple of good footnotes on recent research in Near Eastern Onomastics would show that you know what you're talking about.

The "Sabbath Day" paragraph seems overly long and of questionable value. What exactly do you mean by "remembering" the Sabbath? How is "holy" to be understood? Have you considered a more modern word like "unstressful"? Our proposal readers were dismayed that you have chosen to stay with the nuclear family concept. Please review the literature.

"Honor father and mother" If this section is crucial to your project, we suggest you define "honor." Is there some reason why father precedes mother in the rank-ordering? You state that compliance will effect land which the Lord your God gives you." We studied this strange notion and could not determine the significance of real estate here. Are you implying that there is a direct relationship between parent-honoring and landholding?

In the opinion of the HEW staff, the next five statements could be lumped together, using, however, less flamboyant language. Verbs like "kill, commit adultery, steal, lie and covet" do not sit well with most people.

In our overall examination of your proposal we were struck by the fact that you have made no provisions for the utilization of role models. We do not think that asking the people to follow your ten points simply because it pleases God is an effective substitute for role-models. If you had attended one of our regional workshops, you would have learned that we do not approve projects that are weak on role-modeling.

Finally, we wish to point out that the rules and regulations stipulate that 14 typed copies of the proposal be sent us. Several HEW staff members were upset because you

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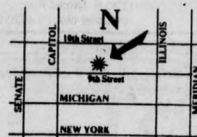
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you, is the question; Shall the
Union and shall the liberties of
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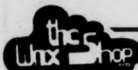
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National Conference of Chris-
tians and Jews was established
by men of great character and
love of country who saw
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John F. Kennedy — "In celebrating National Brotherhood Week we honor the human values upon which our country was established. As long as men fear or distrust one another because of race, religion or ethnic origin, as long as any of the gates of opportunity are closed to the deserving, as long as there is unreasoning bigotry instead of understanding and tolerance, our Nation will fall short of its full power and greatness..."

Lyndon B. Johnson — "I earnestly ask that all my fellow Americans join with the National Conference of Christians and Jews in working toward the eradication of the sources of discord which have turned brother against brother

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Brotherhood rule of thumb

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Brahmanism — "This is the sum of duty; do naught unto others which would cause pain if done to you."

Buddhism — "Hurt not others in ways that you yourself

would find hurtful."

Judaism — "What is hateful to you, do not to your fellowman. That is the entire law, all the rest is commentary."

Confucianism — "There is one maxim of loving kindness: do not unto others

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gain, and your neighbor's loss
as your own loss."

Zoroastrianism — "That
nature alone is good which
refrains from doing unto another

whatsoever is not good for
itself."

Christianity — "All
things whatsoever ye would that
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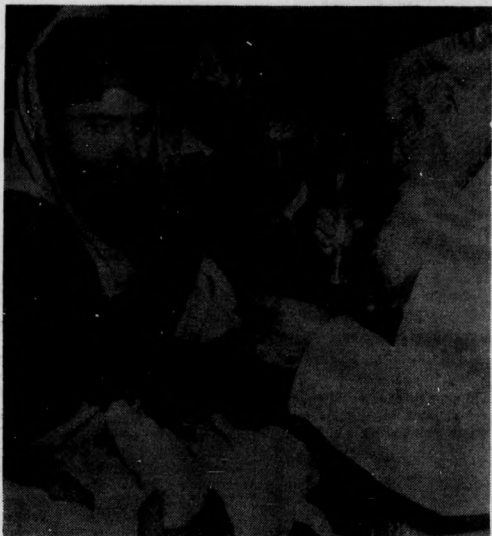


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PRISON LEAVE — Israel's sense of payment for crimes did not prevent Uzi Sharabaf, who is serving a life term for the murder of Arab students at the Islamic College in Hebron, from participating in a family ceremony. He is shown holding his new son at the circumcision which was celebrated at the Tomb of the Patriarchs in Hebron.

Israel and Jordan peace remains a distant hope

JERUSALEM — Unless an unexpected breakthrough were to happen, it has become clear that peace negotiations with Jordan have slipped away, and since time is of essence, they will not materialize by October when Shimon Peres steps down as prime minister in favor of Yitzhak Shamir. That transition is expected to deliver another blow to prospects for negotiations since Herut, which Shamir heads, has views of its own when it comes to any deals for vacating most of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

That the passage of time,

then, is against any negotiations materializing is generally conceded.

That leaves one other possibility, and that is that on one issue or another, the Labor Alignment may decide to go to the voters, to dissolve the unity government and take their chances in a new election on winning enough of the 120 seats in the Knesset to continue to govern. But in face of a failure to bring Jordan to the negotiating table, which would have meant a big diplomatic victory for Peres, the gamble might not be worthwhile. Peres

could look ahead to after 25 months of Likud rule to win when there would not be the handicap of not keeping his part of the bargain which brought about the Unity government and thus denying the deal by which each side would take the reins of government for 25 months.

Fuel was added to the speculation about an election before the October deadline when Ezer Weizman revealed that he had told President Mubarak of Egypt on his recent visit that he was convinced Israel would hold elections in either June or July.

When mixed-marriages end

ST. PAUL, Minn. — What happens to children of a mixed marriage when the parents divorce? Particularly, what happens to children originally "promised" to Judaism? What rights does the Jewish parent have when the non-Jewish spouse reneges on pledges to rear a Jewish child?

A meeting held recently at Mt. Zion Temple here attempted to elicit the participation of Jewish individuals with precisely these questions.

The temple's rabbi, Leigh Lerner, gave a perspective on the children's rightful status as Jews, while Jewish Family Service psychologist Glenn Hirsch showed the importance of taking the children out of the middle of any dispute. Hirsch explained how divorced partners often play out their differences to the harm of their offspring's welfare. Robert Schlesinger, an attorney who presides over the

Ramsey County Bar Association's Committee on Divorce, carefully illuminated the law in Minnesota which pertains to dissolution of marriage.

Mr. Schlesinger suggested that guidelines be made avail-

able by each Jewish community to suggest standards which represent the minimal acceptable level of "raising a Jewish child." A court might be persuaded to take a more forceful position

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Bush moving away from Jewish support

WASHINGTON — Signs of a break between Vice President Bush and the mainstream of the Jewish community were becoming more evident this week as he supported official school prayers, tuition tax credits, and gave his full backing to Moral Majority and its entry into the political arena.

If the liberal tendency in the Jewish community still is dominant, then Mr. Bush will be limiting the support he can

expect from it, plus resigning himself to the minority the same share of the Jewish vote as Mr. Reagan has received.

Mr. Bush has expressed his views on these issues of concern to the Jewish community and world issues in an interview to appear later this month in The Conservative Digest. He previously endorsed and will launch a fund-raising effort for Moral Majority's entry into politics through an arm for that purpose.

Computer communications

By LOUIS EHRENKRANTZ

When technology changes faster than the market's ability to integrate or to absorb these changes, the results may prove chaotic.

The classic instance of technological change outpacing our ability to absorb it is the proliferation of business computers and their software. In a brief period of time, the market has been flooded with hardware, software and peripherals — many of which are incompatible with their counterparts. With such a great commitment by American business already in place, there seems to be a great opportunity for someone who can reconcile the different aspects of computer technology. My favorite is Bridge Communications, trading in the OTC market at 153/4¢ a share.

Because of constant change in computers, many companies now find themselves with peripheral equipment and computers that were patched together in a haphazard manner. Each system in an office may be adequate, but each may be unable to interact or share data processing with the others. Local Area Networking has helped solve this problem. LAN helps relate "equipment pieces" to each other.

Bridge Communications offers a family of modular high performance systems that interact with modems, terminals, personal and minicomputers able to function in remote locations as well as in the same office. Bridge allows various computer devices produced by different manufacturers to communicate. It connects computers and peripherals to the local area network. Its "gateway services" provide links between LAN's while its "network management servers" control and monitor the LAN.

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IN ISRAEL

Support for Palestinian talks

TEL AVIV — A shift from 1981 when less than half of the Israelis polled favored negotiations with any Palestinian organization which renounces terrorism and recognizes Israel to over two-thirds who now favor that position was recorded in a poll by Dehah Research Institute. The survey was commissioned by Mapam.

Bending the Law of Return

HAIFA — The Interior Ministry, which has recently been under fire for denying automatic citizenship to a convert to Judaism by a non-Orthodox rabbi despite no change in the Law of Return, did an about face for a soccer star who was converted in New York by a Conservative rabbi. Alon Ben Avraham, 28-year-old former Scottish international and Leeds United soccer player, promptly was approved as a citizen without any more than the ordinary cursory examination.

Sen. Helms attacks Syria

WASHINGTON — Senator Jesse Helms accused Syria of being responsible for "at least half the terror and tension now coming out of the Middle East" at a major speech attended by 150 prominent Jewish and conservative leaders at the Capitol Hill Club recently. Senator Helms, making his first appearance ever before a major Jewish organization since his election to the United States Senate, lambasted the State Department notion that Syria is somehow a "workable" ally and called the state of Israel "vital to the survival of Western civilization." The event was co-hosted by Richard Fox and the National Jewish Coalition and New Right leader Paul Weyrich's Coalitions For America.

Groups exploiting farmers

By MICHAEL LIEBERMAN

On October 23, 1984, a farmer named Arthur Kirk was killed by a Nebraska State Highway SWAT team. Arthur Kirk, who lived in Cairo, Neb., owed a bank more than \$300,000, with no hope of being able to repay these debts.

According to police reports, when authorities came to serve Mr. Kirk with foreclosure papers, he pulled a shotgun. The incident led to a day-long, tension-filled confrontation. After law enforcement officials surrounded his house, Mr. Kirk reportedly burst out the back door, a helmet on his head, night camouflage on his face, and an AR-15 rifle, converted for automatic fire, in his hand. It was then that he was shot by members of the SWAT team.

In his home, investigators found some 20 rifles and a wide variety of anti-Semitic literature. Arthur Kirk had been convinced that Jews and bankers were conspiring to rob him of his farm.

Bigotry and hatred

Like Arthur Kirk, many farmers throughout the Midwest are facing desperate situations as they attempt to hold on to farms which may have been in their families for generations. Their frustration is often mixed with confusion and anger. Some extremist groups have attempted to harness this anger, channeling it into bigotry and hatred.

Over the past year, the Anti-Defamation League has conducted an aggressive investigation into the organized extremist groups attempting to exploit these conditions to win new adherents. The study concluded that, unlike Arthur Kirk, the vast majority of farmers reject scapegoating and bigotry and the groups which offer them as misleading answers to tough problems.

The League's field investigation has included discussions and face-to-face meetings with a large number of government and law enforcement officials, farmers, farm organizations, politicians and investigative journalists who live and work in rural communities and are concerned with this issue on a day-to-day basis. The research confirmed that some extremist groups have specifically targeted farmers with literature and specially-prepared materials in a concerted effort to win new adherents.

In the main, they include:

— The Populist Party, a new political amalgam of the far right, launched to promote the agenda of longtime anti-Semite Willis Carto and his organization, Liberty Lobby — the most professional anti-Jewish

propaganda organization in America. ADL closely monitored the creation and development of this "political party," a major right wing extremist organization attempting to exploit the present crisis in rural America.

The Populist Party adopted a plank on "Revitalizing the Family Farm" at its November, 1984, national convention in Nashville, Tenn. At the National Committee meeting of the Populist Party in March, 1985, in Chicago, Ill., attention was again focused on plans for specific outreach to farmers. Liberty Lobby's publication, *The Spotlight*, with a circulation of 142,000, is the principal publicity organ for the Populist Party, devoting a marked increase of attention to farm issues in recent months.

— The National Agricultural Press Association (NAPA), an organization, headed by Colorado resident Roderick (Rick) Elliott, which promoted quasi-legal, self-help responses to farm foreclosures. NAPA has published several periodicals which combine articles on agricultural matters with others containing thinly-veiled anti-Semitic propaganda. NAPA declared bankruptcy in May, 1984, and Rick Elliott faces criminal prosecution in Colorado on 20 counts of felony theft involving some \$250,000 in fraudulently-obtained loans to NAPA by its members.

— The Posse Comitatus, a group of armed vigilantes and bigots classified as a domestic terrorist organization by the FBI. In 1982, ADL documented a series of visits made to groups however, that unfortunately it is to be expected due to the increase in Arab terrorist activities.

Recognizing this is "a very sensitive and complicated issue," Bazak, who has served as a judge of the District Court of Jerusalem as well as on the Military Supreme Court of Appeals, stressed the fact that the majority of Arabs do not engage in terrorism.

He also said Jews and Arabs generally live together peacefully, even in the West Bank. "But this doesn't make sensational news and so it isn't reported by the media."

According to Bazak, the main reason for conflict is the "huge technical and cultural gap" that exists between Jews and Arabs. "This gap is gradually closing, but in my opinion it will take two or three more generations before things are better."

Bazak said cooperation, compromise and a willingness to yield on some issues were necessary to improve the sit-

uation. But there were, he stated, issues on which Jews could not compromise, such as the right of Israel to remain a homeland open to Jews from all over the world.

"Israel was not established to be a state for the 600,000 Jews who lived in Palestine in 1948 or for the 3.5 million Jews who live there now, but as a state for Jews everywhere and forever." of farmers in Nebraska and Kansas by William Gale and James Wickstrom — Posse Comitatus leaders at that time. Gale was an instructor at a Posse-led survival school on a Kansas farm in 1982, where the attendees, many in camouflage combat fatigues, listened to lectures with racial and anti-Semitic overtones and learned how to use explosives.

In June, 1982, KTTL-FM, a country music station in Dodge City, Kan., began broadcasting Posse tape recordings supplied by Wickstrom and Gale. These tapes promoted intimidation tactics and violence: "You better start making dossiers, names, addresses, phone numbers, car license numbers, on every damn Jew rabbi in this land, and every Anti-Defamation League leader...in this land, and you better start doing it now. And know where he is. If you have to be told any more than that, you're too damn dumb to bother with. You get these roadblock locations, where you can set up ambushes, and get it all working now."

— The bizarre political and propaganda network of Lyndon LaRouche, the perennial Presidential candidate whose conspiracy theories are laced with anti-Semitism. In recent years, LaRouche and his organization have published wild charges linking Israel, prominent Jews and Jewish organizations, particularly the ADL to underworld conspiracies involving drug trafficking and political assassinations.

Conditions worsen

In addition, the recent arrest of a number of extremist group leaders has seriously hindered their outreach efforts. The significant law enforcement crackdown on members of The Order, an underground network of armed racists and anti-Semites who were involved in a series of criminal activities on the West Coast, and against leaders of the Covenant, Sword and Arm of the Lord, a pro-Nazi paramilitary survivalist group, which operates an encampment on the Missouri-Arkansas border, sent a strong message to extremist group organizers and to those who would affiliate with them.

Jewish terrorists learn a lesson

By JOEL YANOFSKY

QUEBEC — The case of the 15 Jewish terrorists who were tried last summer was a "one-time phenomenon," according to Israeli Justice Jacob Bazak, the presiding judge at the trial.

"I think this underground group has learned its lesson and that such a thing will not happen again," said Bazak, who was in Montreal recently to deliver the Allan Bronfman Memorial Lecture. The court found the defendants guilty on charges ranging from manslaughter to murder.

"I believe now that all Israelis will understand that since we have our own government we must leave it to them to make the policy," the judge said. "If you aren't satisfied with the policy, there are elections to change the government. People should understand that they cannot take the law into their own hands."

Bazak said public opinion polls indicate an increase in hatred of Arabs by Jews, which he termed "deplorable for moral and practical reasons." He added, however, that unfortunately it is

to be expected due to the increase in Arab terrorist activities.

Recognizing this is "a very sensitive and complicated issue," Bazak, who has served as a judge of the District Court of Jerusalem as well as on the Military Supreme Court of Appeals, stressed the fact that the majority of Arabs do not engage in terrorism.

He also said Jews and Arabs generally live together peacefully, even in the West Bank. "But this doesn't make sensational news and so it isn't reported by the media."

According to Bazak, the main reason for conflict is the "huge technical and cultural gap" that exists between Jews and Arabs. "This gap is gradually closing, but in my opinion it will take two or three more generations before things are better."

Bazak said cooperation, compromise and a willingness

to yield on some issues were necessary to improve the situation. But there were, he stated, issues on which Jews

could not compromise, such as the right of Israel to remain a homeland open to Jews from all over the world.

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IN THE NATION

Order members convicted

SEATTLE — Five members of the hate group known as the Order were sentenced to prison terms ranging from 40 to 100 years last week. In addition, five other people were convicted of racketeering for the Nazi-like group and sentenced to 40 years in prison. During the trial prosecutors said that the Order, which was formed in the fall of 1983, embarked on an anti-Government campaign to establish a "white American bastion" without Jews and racial minorities. Among the crimes attributed to the groups were the murder of Jewish radio personality, Alan Berg; another murder, robberies that netted more than \$4 million and counterfeiting. Of the 13 people named in the original racketeering indictment, 11 pleaded guilty before the trial, one is at large and one was convicted of killing a Missouri state trooper.

Torah true at Bergen Belsen

NEW YORK — A small but highly significant document discovered recently among private papers in Israel gives a rare and illuminating glimpse into the activities of Jews to maintain Torah life in the bleakest conditions of the Holocaust. The small scrip, a copy of which was obtained by Agudath Israel of America's Orthodox Jewish Archives in New York, is a duly signed note testifying to the selection of two individuals who were bestowed with "Chosson Torah" and "Chosson Breishis" honors on Simchas Torah in the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in 1944. Written in fine calligraphy, the document is dated the 24th of Tishrei 5705 and signed by three signatories in their own hands. According to OJA director Rabbi Moshe Kolodny, the precious scrap of paper is a testament to "a tenacious loyalty to Torah and Yiddishkeit that was commonplace among so many Jews even in the face of unspeakable horrors and the most violent onslaughts to their dignity and humanity." The particularly moving aspect of the find, he says, is the almost matter-of-fact, but altogether solemn tone of the text regarding a relatively minor religious appointment, written in the midst of an atmosphere of terror the magnitude of which never before had been known to man.

Increased demand for Empire

PENNSYLVANIA — Just two weeks after the disastrous fire that caused upwards of 25 million dollars in damage at their Millintown, Pennsylvania poultry processing plant, Empire Kosher Poultry has released additional information about their current production plans and their rebuilding plans for the future. President of Empire, Murray Katz also emphasized that Empire expects no problems in being able to fill all orders for fresh, frozen and cooked items for the Passover Holidays. Supermarket officials in many areas have reported an increased demand for Empire products since the fire. In commenting on this increased demand, Mr. Katz stated that he expects the increased demand to continue and anticipates that the company will go through a new era of growth. Construction of the new plant is scheduled to begin in early March, with most of the work scheduled to be completed by July, 1986.

Helping the children of mixed marriages

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toward the negligent party were such standards available. He underscored that his proposal was tenuous at best, given the nature of mediation and the cost of going to law.

Rabbi Lerner asked whether the Jewish community might sponsor a defense fund, a sort of "war chest." The fund would aid Jews in bringing litigation against custodial non-Jewish parents who are stubbornly derelict in fulfillment of the terms of their divorce decree to raise their children as Jews.

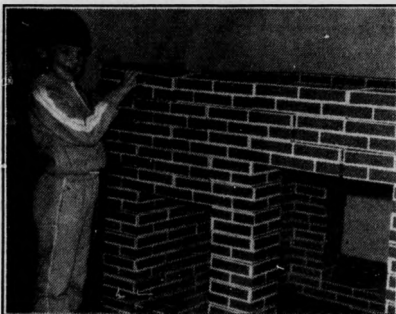
"Right now it's too costly to go constantly to court in order to force an ex-spouse to take the kids to Hebrew School, Rabbi

Lerner said. "If the Jewish community provided the funds, we could make it too costly for the ex-spouse not to comply."

Mr. Hirsch urged a first step — counselling and mediation between the parties to smooth out the difficulties. He noted that communication and proper venting of emotions can keep many a case from court.

The problem is more widespread than the numbers at the small meeting indicated — so much so that the Union of American Hebrew Congregations is looking into pre-nuptial agreement forms that might help alleviate the problem.

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OBITUARIES

Philanthropist A.N. Pritzker

CHICAGO — A Chicago industrialist and philanthropist who gave to all causes, a \$15 million grant to the University of Chicago and even an annual stipend in the tens of thousands of dollars to the American Association for Ethiopian Jews, passed from the scene as the founder of one of the nation's foremost business organizations, A.N. Pritzker, died at the age of 90.

Forbes Magazine estimated his and his family's worth at

\$1.5 billion, which included the Hyatt Hotels, Braniff Airlines, and McCall's Magazine and more than 250 other businesses.

His father arrived in Chicago from near Kiev in 1881, to become a lawyer, which led to Mr. Pritzker earning his law degree from Harvard. He and his brother, Jack, left the father's law firm to enter into business, which began in earnest with the purchase of the Hyatt House in Los Angeles in 1957.

He served for many years as

vice president of the Federation and was a director of the Council of Jewish Federations and the Anti-Defamation League. In 1954 he served as chairman of the United Jewish Appeal.

In World War I he served in the U.S. Navy.

Israel Galili, 74

TEL AVIV — Death at the age of 74 came to Israel Galili, who was chief of staff of the Haganah in the days before the establishment of Israel and then served in the Cabinet under three Prime Ministers. He was an ideologue of the Labor Alignment and when the Likud took power in 1977 he devoted his activities to the kibbutz movement.

Marilyn Klinghoffer

NEW YORK — Marilyn Klinghoffer, whose husband became a symbol of resistance to terrorism when he was killed on the Achille Lauro, the Italian cruise ship, died of cancer, an illness which she never divulged to the press.

Her 69-year-old husband, confined to a wheel chair by a stroke, played a role in the drama of the seas which ended when U.S. planes intercepted the Egyptian airliner taking the terrorists to freedom. They will be tried in Italy.

She is survived by two sons, daughters and her mother.

Rabbi Jacob K. Shankman

NEW ROCHELLE, NY — Rabbi Jacob K. Shankman, who served Temple Israel of New Rochelle from 1937 to 1973, died here at the age of 81. He was a former president of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, serving in that capacity from 1964 to 1970. He was also a former president of

the Association of Reform Rabbis of New York.

He entered Harvard at the age of 14, graduating four years later, and earned his master's degree a year later. In 1930 he was ordained by Hebrew Union College. He served as chaplain in the Navy in World War II.

Israel IRA Bond

NEW YORK — Coming off its best year ever, well over one half billion in new purchases, the Israel Bond Organization has developed a bond that can be added to a person's Individual Retirement Account (IRA) permitting the donor an annual interest rate of 7 3/4 percent while providing Israel with urgently needed capital.

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On Jewish stereotypes

Recently I had occasion to review a production of Neil Simon's "Sunshine Boys" at a dinner theater.

It is a tale, for those who



don't remember, of old-time vaudevillians fallen upon hard times — funny and poignant and loaded with Simon's usual sharp one-liners. Needless to say, I've seen this durable classic a number of times over the years — from Broadway productions to films to community theater offerings.

But none of the actors, as I recall — Walter Matthau, George Burns, Sam Levene, et al — gave their characters Yiddish accents. It was therefore with some surprise that I watched this production, deep in the heart of Connecticut Wasp country, complete with Wasp actors, directors and audience, give a decidedly Yiddish rendition. It is not easy to sustain an accent, particularly for those who are not top-drawer professionals, but the actors, to do them credit, never lost their Yiddish accents.

But should they have had those accents in the first place?

I admit that there is some argument for presenting Simon's "Sunshine Boys" in that light. They were meant to be Jews who had pulled themselves out of the ghetto, possibly bringing an accent along with them. But I found myself uncomfortable as I looked around and watched the theatergoers guffaw at every

line. Were they laughing at the lines — or at the pronunciations? Were they enjoying Neil Simon's brittle humor — or a joke at the expense of us Jews? Am I justified with this discomfort — or am I overreacting?

In short: was the director presenting a stereotyped (and therefore untrue, unfair and discriminatory) picture of Jews? After all, we no longer portray the black on stage as a Stepin Fetchit or an Aunt Jemima. We would neither want to nor dare to.

Jews deserve the same consideration, do they not? I recall that a few years ago Ran Avni, director of the Jewish Repertory Theater, chastised an actress for reading a part in an Odets play with a Yiddish accent. "You're supposed to be an American Jew," said Avni, "and most American Jews don't have Yiddish accents. The very reason we founded this theater was to do away with such stereotyping of Jews on stage."

Avni is undoubtedly right. The time for putting Fetchits and Molly Goldbergs on stage is past. Ethnic jokes are passe. People on both sides of the footlights now have enough sophistication and maturity to reject such caricatures.

But what about Yiddish accents on stage? Do they always contribute to stereotyping? Or are there times when it is appropriate? Clearly there is no one answer. Each occasion must be examined individually, considering the motives of playwrights and directors, the needs of the play itself. The one important criterion, I believe, (and one which I hope the theater holds to firmly) is to portray Jews on stage as fully-realized, complex, believable human beings.

A Holocaust we can understand

By JACOB NEUSNER

My first encounter with the destruction of European Jewry came to me in 1953-1954, when I was a student in Oxford. I remember that, early in the year,



I went to the wonderful bookstore, Blackwell's and found a mountain of books called "The Final Solution," by Gerald Reitlinger. I believe it was one of the first books on the destruction of European Jewry to appear.

Since, then as now, everything Jewish engaged me, I bought the book and took it back to my room, and I read it. I did not stop reading until I finished it — early in the following morning. I was stunned. I had never known. I scarcely wanted to look at a gentle for days afterward. What can these Europeans be made of?

I do not think anyone can grow up without knowing about what we then called "the hurban" and today call "the Holocaust." But in those days people did not talk about it, I think because it was still very near and palpable. Yet in West Hartford, Conn., I knew no one in my family who had died, and I knew scarcely anyone who had lost anyone, so there was no very direct connection; after three generations in America, families do lose contact. But as a student in Oxford — anti-Semitic, of course, as Harvard was in those days — I knew I was Jewish and everything Jewish happened to me.

So the first thing I did was to plan a trip to Germany: what sort of people did these things? I had a friend from Harvard, a German, son of the aristocracy of Frankfurt, who had invited me to visit him. So I went. When I got off the train in Frankfurt, coming up from Italy, my friend and his father met me at the station, in their Mercedes of course (the father was a leading lawyer for I.G. Farben).

I was there to learn what Germans really were like. In the car, the father turned to me and said, "Herr Neusner, sind Sie Katholisch oder Evangelisch," that is, "Mr. Neusner, are you a Catholic or a Protestant."

My friend motioned to me not to indicate there was a third

thing, so I answered, "Etwas Evangelisch," meaning, a kind of Protestant. Afterward I was told, "As a Jew you'll learn nothing. As an American Christian, you'll hear quite a lot." I did: I heard how everyone had kept a Jew in his basement through the war, how America had made a terrible mistake in not joining Germany in a war against the USSR, how the real danger was Soviet Jewish Communism, and on and on.

So I went as a Marrano, and through my host of I.G. Farben, I met the Germany of Hitler's generation: the lawyers, the judges, the army officers, above all the industrialists, of the Hitler period. That was the Germany I met: the end of Hitler's generation. It was a deep encounter.

But still, the work of history had yet to get under way. The

become a symbol in place of a sequence of events of human dimension: things done to human beings by human beings.

Gilbert has changed all that. In the glorious tradition of British narrative history, Martin Gilbert has written the best, the most literate and absorbing book I have read on the murder of 6 million Jews in Europe between 1933 and 1945. What makes the book remarkable is that Gilbert has translated abstract numbers into concrete tales of individual lives and deaths, dividing up the ghastly history into small tales we can grasp.

We cannot deal with the murder of so many, because, in numbers of 10,000 or 50,000 — in one day! — we cannot in our minds encompass what was going on. But we can capture in

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great pioneer, Reitlinger opened many doors and explored many paths — but closed none of them. Much research remained and still remains, to be done. Now, so many books later, so much is in hand. Yet I think Martin Gilbert (*The Holocaust. A History of the Jews of Europe during the Second World War*. Martin Gilbert. 959 pp. N.Y., 1986: Holt, Rinehart and Winston, \$24.95) has given us a masterpiece. Let me explain why.

Today the murder of 6 million European Jews from 1933 to 1945, subsumed under the term, "the Holocaust," presents an occasion for appealing to unearned anguish. Turned into a symbol bigger than life — but deprived of all human and individual meaning too — "the Holocaust" has taken these murders of millions, one by one, and turned them into something more — but also less — than completely human. The Holocaust has

mind and imagination one person's anguish. Gilbert succeeds because he has told the story incident by incident. But he has done more. For this is narrative history, not a sequence of short stories. Gilbert holds the whole together by treating each incident as an example of a large scale event or trend. As a result we have a clear picture of the beginning, middle, and end, the long line of people, marching one by one, but in their sequence, into hell. And we are there.

Gilbert's problem is that the story has now been told more than once. What could he do to tell it in a fresh way? His solution was to look for the individual experience that captures the large event, and then each incident bears a burden of a chapter of the entire story. The book that results is gripping and terrifying, as it should be, but it is also human and intelligible.

Gilbert presents stories in
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Reporter's Notebook: in the land of Israel

We dropped in at the Conservative (Masorati) Center with our son, Ben-Zion, merely so we could tell Morris Speizman, of Charlotte, N.C. who contributed half of it, that we had been there, and said hello to Pesach Schindler, and it turned out that he was from Toronto and knew the Nemtsov family, or rather was very close to them, and of course our daughter-in-law, and Ben-Zion's wife, Malkah. So it was a sort of reunion, or like old friends meeting.

At the Conservative Movement Center, U.S. regional presidents of the United Synagogue were participating in a mission, and we sat in on it for a half hour or so. The message of one of the three speakers connected with the Center was that without a strong Conservative movement in Israel Conservatism in the U.S. was sure to suffer, although the statement made by one of the speakers was more encompassing in stressing the importance of Conservatism in Israel, was a more dire one. Conservatism in the U.S. would disappear without a strong movement in Israel.

ON THE FLIGHT from Paris to Tel Aviv, our plane companion was Isabel Kotler, of Chicago, who knows our Rhoda Hauptman well, and whose rabbi was the late Charles Shulman, and then Edgar Siskin, so we had a lot in common. Her son and family live in Eilat and she's here once a year.

We had Yossi Klein for dinner and made certain to introduce him to Rabbi Levi because Yossi was just about to embark for Australia, (and India) representing a Zionist youth group but also for the premiere in those countries of his movie, "Kaddish", which when it was released about a year ago in the U.S. was quite a sensation. It was Yossi's first (and maybe only) movie, but you've read him in Moment magazine and in The Village Voice but also in The Post and Opinion first. We've said here before, long before Moment took him away from us, that he was destined to a great career, but we had no idea that he would make it also on the screen — the story about his family and the anguish of the son of a survivor. His father, who plays a principal role, died while the filming was in process, which heightened the theme that those with memories of the Holocaust were all in the years ahead to go the way of all flesh. Incidentally, Sara, Yossi's wife, is writing a novel.

Our son, Ben-Zion, spent the days of the Colloquium with us in Jerusalem, and when we headed north to his home in Safed, we stopped enroute to visit our mechtum, the Nemtsovs in Netanya, where we also said hello to Marty Yaroslavit, whose Zientalis firm advertised with us for a period of some 25 years without missing a week. The Nemtsov's must be the best known family in Toronto, for wherever we go when we run into someone from Toronto (Rabbi Witte for instance at the General Assembly in Washington) they either were neighbors or their rabbi or as in the case of Rabbi William Herszkowitz, of Yonkers, N.Y., who was here, had attended the wedding of Malka and Ben-Zion at 770 Eastern Parkway. The Nemtsovs are a lovely couple and their home is an interior decorator's delight, it is so attractively furnished — they brought most of their furniture from Miami where they lived for a few years before making aliyah. They originally

came to Toronto from England.

After a delicious breakfast of smoked fish, which we don't get in Indianapolis, we moved north from Netanya to Haifa, for lunch with our cousin, Nehama, and her husband, Carl Alpert, who has been writing for us for at least 35 years (his column now is headed Postmark Israel). His regular column is published in more than 40 papers each week, all leading papers in their communities, starting with The Jewish Week of New York and everywhere else. He is by far the best columnist in any Jewish paper from a human interest standpoint, and has the feel of his readers ever since he was managing editor of The Jewish Advocate of Boston, and then education director of the ZOA in New York before making aliyah. He is only a few years younger than us, but looks like a kid when we're together. The insight is that those who make aliyah never develop the first furrow in their brow, not to mention any wrinkles and lines below their eyes. Carl is retired from the Technion, to which he came as publicity director back when it was still in the old building in central Haifa before the days of the beautiful campus on Har Hacarmel.

If any of you readers think you live in a sumptuous home or the view from your home is exceptional, then you should visit the Alperets whose home is on the edge of a cliff high above the seaport, and you get the feeling, at least at first, that you are dangling over nothing but air. Below is the Mediterranean and the port and on a clear day you can see Mount Hermon. The only view that compares with it is the one from the apartment of Ben-Zion and Malka at Safed (Zfat), and the difference is that the Haifa view is over the harbor and water while that at Safed is over the mountains and valleys.

From Haifa we headed north — our driver was like all Israeli guides — superlative — (he was Dani Bitter) and wound our way up and up turning at almost every minute on a horseshoe ascent to the ancient city of mysticism, made famous by Ari Luria four centuries ago.

You must see the synagogue for yourself, and stand as we did before the Ark which has its own identity, and a beauty which cannot be described without some knowledge both of art and history. Only about 75 or so could possibly crowd into the synagogue, so it isn't Temple Emanu-El on Fifth Avenue in New York but has more meaning for Judaism and its development than all the synagogues wherever they are in the U.S. We walked — no one rides in Safed on the Sabbath — the several miles up and down the hill streets to and from the service, and while in the old section you see abandoned houses like those of the old West, the newer ones probably have as modern interiors as does the apartment of our son in Kiryat Habad, but with views that inspired the Ari, and have been the mecca for visitors to Israel.

We were accompanied by our oldest grandson (oldest of the eight children of Ben Zion) and his brother Levi Yitzhak, plus Chana and Nehama Dinah, the two oldest daughters. Since the two girls could not daven with us, we didn't see them after services and while we worried, the Cohen family didn't and they turned up about two hours after we got back. Malka kept telling us to stop worrying.

While Malka is the most beautiful girl you ever saw, she won't shake hands with us, not to mention a kiss. Chana is the most beautiful of the three girls. Next in line is Nehama Dena, and she is prettier than Chana, while the third girl,

Leah, is the prettiest of all. All eight children (Malka is due to give birth again next month) are blondes with blue eyes, the hair a gift from Malka, herself a blonde, and our son, Ben-Zion, helped with the blue eyes that come from his mother — Helen.

The boys, too, will be the envy of all the girls in Kiryat Habad as they grow up. The oldest, Avraham Sender, will be bar mitzvah in a year and a half, and from him on down is Levi Yitzhak, Shmuel, Mendel and Mordechai Joshua.

A Sabbath at Safed is not to be forgotten also because of the feasts starting with the Friday night dinner and from then on. It is a gourmet's delight, and the number of courses defeat any attempts at keeping the calories under control. But if you haven't tasted cholent, then you are not a good Jew. It is almost like not having ever been in a synagogue.

If you've ever seen a mother loving her children, then you have only a vague idea of the way each of the eight is showered, all in a different way, with adoration and warmth and attention to their needs. Can you imagine anyone in any city where this is being read who has eight children and expecting the ninth and who is raising not a family but eight individuals, and soon nine, and meanwhile has to deal with a product of the Middle West, a son of a father like the one who is writing this piece, and still exudes love and inspiration and devotion. If the successor to the present Rebbe could be a woman, we know who is most deserving.

OUR LAST DAY IN ISRAEL was spent in doing some business, but was concluded with a visit to the Beit Hatfutsot, the museum of the Diaspora, and there the insight came to us almost immediately that this is the way the planned Holocaust Museum in Washington should be designed. Then after a thought it occurred to us that our insight could hardly be called that because obviously that is the method the Holocaust Museum will be using to graphically evoke the 20th-century disaster. Everything is visual, and use of photos, computers, listening devices and videos, brings Jewish life to you with an impact that will never leave even as years elapse. The one objection is no objection — you can spend days at the museum, and still go back for more.

That morning, we called on Shaul Golan, the owner of Atlas Distributors, who will be distributing The Post and Opinion to the news shops of the major hotels beginning in April. To show you how hospitable Israelis are, when no taxis were available, this business executive drove us to our next appointment, which was a call an advertising agency.

Before leaving the subject of Beit Hatfutsot, we learned quickly that unless we had a guide, we were going to go around in circles, so we latched on to the first group we ran into after reaching that conclusion. It was a bunch of about 15 yeshiva students from Aish Hatorah in Jerusalem. They were led by Henri Noach, Rehov Ha Palmach 58, Jerusalem, who not only teaches at the yeshiva part time, but does free-lance work and named a few other tasks that fill out his days. He is a descendant of Mordechai Manual Noah, who you will remember bought Grand Island near Niagara Falls when the plan was to build a Jewish

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Jesus the Jew

By JOSEPH GUTMANN

"Jesus Through the Centuries: His Place in the History of Culture" (Yale University Press, 1985, \$22.50), by the well-known Christian theolo-



gian and historian Jaroslav Pelikan, attempts to examine "the impact of Jesus not only on the culture but also on the political, social, and economic history of the last two millennia."

This ambitious undertaking, unfortunately, does not meet its own goals. The socio-political and economic aspects that brought about the changes in the image of Jesus are largely absent in this work. What emerges essentially is a theological treatise which offers some penetrating theological insights into various medieval Christian images of Jesus.

Pelikan's attempt to raise Jesus to the ranks of Jewish prophecy and to bestow upon him rabbinic ordination reveal a surprising lack of understanding of Jewish history and Jewish scholarship of the first century C. E. Prophets and official prophecy had long ceased to function in Judaism by the time of Jesus, and the title rabbi and rabbinic ordination had not yet

come into existence. To prove his point that Jesus was indeed a rabbi Pelikan reproduces Marc Chagall's "White Crucifixion." He writes: "The crucified figure in Chagall's painting wears not the nondescript loincloth, but the tallith of a devout and observant rabbi...And the central figure does indeed belong to the people of Israel, but he belongs no less to the church and to the whole world...precisely because he belongs to the people of Israel."

Aside from the fact that the wearing of a tallit did not identify one as an "observant rabbi" in Jesus' time, Chagall's painting has little to do with the author's Christian theological explanation. Chagall's painting stands in a line of tradition reaching back to the 19th century. At that time European and American Jewish scholarship, literature and art concerned itself with reclaiming Jesus as an authentic Jewish historical figure. In the 1870s such noted sculptors of Jewish birth as Moses Jacob Ezekiel and Mark Antokolski even portrayed Jesus as a Jew. They hoped through these depictions to help usher in the optimistic 19th century dream of a universal brotherhood of man — a dream which was rudely shattered by 20th century realities.

Chagall's *Crucifixion*, and similar crucifixions by Jewish artists in the 20th century, are symbols of Jewish martyrdom. The crucified Jewish Jesus stands for the innocent slaughter of millions of Jewish victims

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Gift givers aren't policy makers

By YEHUDA LEV

LOS ANGELES — I was reading my weekly copy of the best Jewish newspaper published on the West Coast (an honor for which there is very little competition), the Northern California Jewish Bulletin and saw a front-page article that set the alarm flags waving madly in all directions.

Under the headline "S.F. Bay Jews are prodding Israel to aid border town," the article began: "In an unprecedented appeal, the JFC (Jewish Community Federation) Project Renewal Committee has called on the Bay Area Jewish community to pressure the Israeli government on behalf of the beleaguered town of Kiriyat Shmona."

The committee suggested that cablegrams be sent to Prime Minister Peres urging him to "unequivocally pledge his support — both moral and substantive — to Kiriyat Shmona's mayor and residents..." and to take concrete steps to "create an economic environment which will sustain a healthy and productive family life in Kiriyat Shmona." Kiriyat Shmona is twinned with San Francisco in a Project Renewal program.

I thought for a moment that the committee had joined the Moral Majority and come out against abortions along the Lebanese border, but then I recalled the difficult conditions of life in that area, conditions which include the presence of Kalashnikov rifles and Katyusha rockets and realized that the committee was telling Peres that he had better make sure that there are jobs available so that families will not be broken up in the search for work or for shelter from enemy gunfire. That search has taken thousands of the town's residents southward and has thoroughly disrupted its economic life, not to mention its prospects for future growth.

None of us will argue that Kiriyat Shmona should not have what it takes to survive and prosper, nor can it be denied that Project Renewal is one of the more intelligent and effective ways in which American Jews are helping Israel. But I wonder if a line is not being crossed when American Jews decide they have a right to interfere with internal priorities regarding this level of governing in Israel.

This is not an argument against American Jewish involvement in Israel's policy making decisions. Anything that Israel does affects us, the proposed changes in the Law of Return, for example, becomes our concern and we have the right to participate indirectly in those decisions. Likewise when Israeli institutions and political organizations raise money within the American Jewish community, we have the right to comment on how our money is spent. And just as do Israelis, we have the right to comment on how our money is spent. And just as do Israelis, we have the right to take sides on policy issues involving the great outside world such as the future of the West Bank or whether or not the invasion of Lebanon was justified. These decisions affect us as self-identified supporters of the state.

But because I contribute money to the Jerusalem Fund, for example, I do not have the right to vote in Jerusalem's municipal elections any more than my giving money to the Hebrew University entitles me to a say on who gets tenure among the faculty. I do have the right to vote with my feet, of course, in that if I do not like certain actions I can stop contributing and let the recipients know why. But there are rights which are reserved for the residents of a country and

decisions reserved for its rulers and I have a right to participate in these only if I become a resident and they become my rulers.

It seems to me that in informing Mr. Peres what his priorities should be in regards to Kiriyat Shmona the good Jews of San Francisco are stepping out of line. The difference is not between the voter, who actually helps make the decision, and the contributor, who only writes letters and can exert at best an indirect influence on decision making. That difference is self-evident; in the end it will be Mr. Peres and his elected officials who will make the decision as to whether or not to send additional support to Kiriyat Shmona, and not the authors of letters and cables.

I am not sure what Mr. Peres, ever the diplomat, will do publicly about this barrage of requests coming from San Francisco. Quite possibly he will chalk it up to our well known California penchant for wading just a little bit deeper in the water than is safe for us. And he will certainly write polite responses to the senders of all this free advice. After all, they may move to Israel some day and vote Labor.

But I doubt very much if he will devote more than 30 seconds to allowing them to influence his decisions. It all goes back to the old adage which says that first you pay your dues and then you complain about what you paid for. In the case of San Francisco and Kiriyat Shmona, paying your dues means moving to the Lebanese frontier with all of those Kalashnikovs and Katyushas being aimed at your house. And that is a bit more than even Project Renewal is prepared to expect of its supporters.

Neusner — the Holocaust

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the words of those who report what they themselves experienced or witnessed. So the circle is complete: eye-witness accounts of incidents, transformed into history of surpassing literature by one of the great narrative historians of the day.

Why tell the history as story? Why read it? Because we must, and because this is how we can face it all. It is what the living owe the dead, not these dead alone, but all who have died in testament to the darker side of humanity. So stated a survivor in Dachau, a month after liberation: "Hitler has lost every battle on every front

except the battle against defenceless and unarmed men, women, and children. He won the war against the Jews of Europe." Another survivor stated, "It has been the lot of the Jews to deliver to men a warning...that violence is in the end self-destructive, power futile, and the human spirit unconquerable."

Gilbert ends with his own judgment of the legacy and heritage of the murdered Jews: "To die with dignity was a form of resistance...to live through the torment, to outlive the tormentors, these too were resistance. Merely to give witness by one's own testimony was...to contribute to a moral

victory. Simply to survive was a victory of the human spirit."

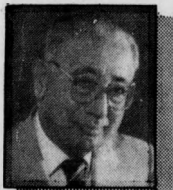
Turning these murders into a symbol of cosmic evil removes from the millions who died the one thing that they had in life and in death: their distinctive individuality, their own birth, their own life, their own, personal death. Gilbert gives these back to them: their right to live and die like real women and men and children, one by one, if, alas, all together and all at once.

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The last of the Just

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

There was quite a hassle in the kehilla of Amsterdam, Holland, which had engaged Rabbi Meir Just back in 1963 as one of its spiritual leaders and



in 1976 elevated him to the post of chief rabbi for a five-year term.

After 5 years the kehilla called Rabbi Rafael Auerbach to be the chief, but Rabbi Just said that wasn't just and summoned the kehilla to a Bet Din (religious court) before the Israeli chief Ashkenazi rabbi, Abraham Shapira. Auerbach left, but before the trial ended, the kehilla gave Rabbi Just another post, head of a rabbinic association called Igud Harabbanim for a three-year term. Just accepted, and now the kehilla is free to look for another chief rabbi, according to the Algemeiner Journal.

Now children

Gershon Fogel-Mamlak, an Algemeiner Journal writer, can't brook the interfaith shibboleth that Christianity is the offspring of Judaism. That kind of talk overlooks the essential differences between the two religious outlooks. "Jews," he writes "don't believe that God helped give birth to a son, nor that Judaism gave birth to a daughter."

Likud toss

Devotees of the Likud are nettled by the formation of the new Israeli political party called the Central Progressives because it weakens the alliance of Conservatives opposing the

Laborites.

In a column in the Algemeiner Journal, M.I. Nirenberger angrily calls the Jewish Agency head, Leon Dultzin, one of the organizers of the new group "another Nahum Goldmann."

Loyalty

Conservative rabbis often declare themselves to be "loyal to halacha." One of them, famed Dr. Robert Gordis, took exception to remarks by Orthodox Rabbi Haskel Lookstein, in a presidential address before the New York Board of Rabbis (which his late father, Rabbi Joseph Lookstein also once headed).

Rabbi Lookstein asked Conservative rabbis to shake loose from such "Reform" practices as marrying divorcees without a get (religious divorce) and considering the acceptance of patrilineality. Gordis countered that many Conservative rabbis are just as observant of halacha as some Orthodox ones, but still fail to receive acceptance from them.

In the Algemeiner Journal, Rabbi Nissan Gordon, a columnist, sides with Lookstein, but goes further in chiding the Conservatives because they ordain women and join the Reformers in requesting religious pluralism in Israel. Gordon is delighted to tell his readers about the more than 150 rabbis who have formed a Conservative organization which de-emphasizes femininity in Conservative synagogues. And he gleefully tells about Long Island Conservative shul where a substantial number of members ask for a special area where they could worship sans femmes. When the request was denied, they lopped off and created a new shul with an Orthodox rabbi.

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In Beirut: Canada's media bias

By ARNOLD AGES

During and after the Israeli invasion of Lebanon in 1982, the American media came under some withering criticism for its handling of the news reporting



of the war. At that time Martin Peretz, editor of The New Republic, wrote a splendid expose piece whose first words were "Most of what you have read about the war in Lebanon is false..."

Peretz was referring to the pro-Arab slant that he claimed to have detected in network reportage and in newspaper articles. This bias was later documented by Ze'ev Chafetz in his volume "Double Vision." In that book Chafetz showed how Western journalists had been cowed by Palestinian Liberation Organization terrorism and threats into reporting favorably Arab moves.

What was the situation in Canada at that time?

The answer has been provided by a group of researchers at

several Canadian universities who have inventoried press coverage and television concentration on the Lebanon war for the Mideast Focus, the journal of the Canadian Professors for Peace in the Middle East.

The professors who conducted the research analyzed several key Canadian newspapers from the country and measured the amount of perceptible bias against Israel and the Arabs that had crept into newspaper accounts. Their study, which is backed up with near actuarial statistics, indicates, contrary to the received wisdom, that Canadian newspapers were generally pro-Israel although here and there anti-Israel sentiments did surface.

The researchers did not find the same thing in their survey of Canadian television reporting, especially that which appeared on the government subsidized network, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. News reports on the late night broadcasts focused in on scenes of Arab suffering in Beirut and environs. No attempt was made to provide background material;

no explanations were offered, for example, on the way in which PLO force inevitably placed artillery pieces in heavily populated areas or on hospital roofs.

During the Lebanon War I made a personal analysis, not of Canadian newspapers across the country, but rather of the three that appear daily in Toronto. The conclusions I reached were not quite as sanguine as those reached by the researchers.

The latter did not measure the impact of individual stories emanating from the battlefield. Thus one Toronto newspaper ran interviews with a medical doctor who was a Canadian citizen and who claimed in his well-covered account that he had witnessed Israeli murders of Arab prisoners in a prison camp. The description he offered of Israeli "brutality" was printed without challenge as if it were unimpeachable truth. By the time the challenges arrived, the damage had been done.

The Canadian press might have been slightly pro-Israel during the Lebanon War; it did not distinguish itself, however.

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FLASHBACKS IN JEWISH HISTORY

Forging belief in conspiracies

By RABBI A. P. BLOCH

1869 — Jacob Brafmann, a convert to Christianity, published forged minutes of the Kahal of Minsk, Russia, to prove the existence of a Jewish conspiracy.



Jewish apostates who engaged in attacks against Jews were generally motivated by vindictiveness, greed, or a desire to convince their new masters of their neophytic zeal. To those who bore a grudge against the Jewish community, apostasy was the ultimate punitive response. Conversion also attracted some Jews who aspired

to academic careers from which they were barred because of their faith. There were also individuals who left their fold because of frustrating economic anti-Jewish restrictions. There were undoubtedly also a very small number of Jews who converted to Christianity out of conviction. These were balanced by a similar number of Christians who converted to Judaism for the same reason.

Proselytizing apostates did the most harm to Jews. They bore the major responsibility for the degradation of Judaism in the Christian society. They inspired and headed the medieval disputations which resulted in countless massacres, expulsions and confiscation of the Talmud. The canard of the blood ritual gained credence because Jewish apostates brazenly confirmed it.

Attacks on Judaism lost some of their glitter in the modern era. Jewish apostates adjusted to

the changing climate by switching to attacks against the Jewish people. Jacob Brafmann was a forerunner of this genre. Having failed in his economic endeavors, he embraced Christianity and was rewarded with a position of instructor of Hebrew at the seminary of Minsk. He was also charged with the duty of propagating Christianity among Jews.

Brafmann was a failure as a missionary but he compensated for his ineptness by publishing malicious anti-Jewish articles in the Russian press. His book, "Kniga Kahala," containing alleged minutes of the Kahal of Minsk, created quite a stir in Russian circles.

Brafmann claimed to have discovered the Minsk minutes for the years 1794-1803 in some Jewish archives. The minutes, he asserted, reveal a plot of Jewish leaders to use illegal

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Jewish journalists gather

By SAMSON KRUPNICK

"We learned more from each others' reactions than we did from the formal presentations," remarked a prominent publisher of an Anglo-Jewish weekly as



he sipped his coffee during a break in the sessions of the three-day international colloquium of the Jewish Press held recently at the Van Leer Institute in Jerusalem. The more than 100 publishers, editors, journalists, columnists and others from North and South America and Europe and their 150 colleagues from Israel enjoyed the informal discussions at the coffee breaks, the buffet lunches and receptions at the President's residence, the Khan theater and Beit Agron — the Israel Press Center. As each Israel Government Minister made his presentation, the journalists in professional style compared notes and offered evaluations.

It began with President Herzog's opening address, discussed in a previous column, wherein he told the press that the reporting on Israel worldwide was distorted, to such an extent that "there are two Israels the one you see on television and the Israel you see when you walk out of your front door."

The President urged the press to exercise much more self-criticism and ease up on criticism of Israel, the reactions among the journalists was virtually unanimous. "The President hit hard — but he is right. We probably have overdone it."

Prime Minister Shimon Peres' message in which he touted negotiations with Hussein for peace, deplored hostile Syria, and yearned for "a greater concentration of Jewish people, Jewish minds and Jewish motivation in Israel" as Israel's real future promise and hope, met with mixed reactions. The journalists agreed that the Prime Minister appeared older and more weary after 11 1/2 years in office, that he was upbeat in his message and appeared to be overactive on all fronts. Some speculated that the strain and stress of keeping a unity government united was even

more wearying than the many problems that he must confront. Most journalists, on the peace with Jordan issue, felt that the Prime Minister was either "whistling in the dark" or engaging in rhetoric in anticipation of early elections.

The detailed analysis by Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, covering all the bases in Israel's foreign relations — the cold peace with Egypt that exists only at top levels and has not penetrated to the Egyptian people; the "waiting for Hussein for direct negotiations" (quoting U.S. Secretary Shultz "The name of the game is direct negotiations"); Syria and the PLO are dead set against peace and remain obstacles to peace; our excellent relations with the U.S. and their forthright stand on terrorism — but regret their "grave mistake" in planning to grant sophisticated arms to Jordan; our hopes that the Soviets will permit its Jews to "exercise a basic human right to go to Eretz Israel"; and "next to peace and security Israel's greatest need is for people — large numbers of people" (in 1948 there were 600,000 Jews here — 6% of world Jewry — today we are 3.6 million and 27% of world Jewry) — impressed the journalists as a realistic appraisal of Israel's current position among the nations.

Defense Minister Itzhak Rabin's presentation regarding Israel's security situation and the questions and answer period encouraged the press considerably. Rabin's cool and penetrating assessment of the capabilities and attitudes of our surrounding Arab neighbors, particularly hostile Syria and the continuing terror efforts of the PLO and offshoots — and the steps that the Israel Defense forces are taking, provided needed reassurances for a concerned press, his most surprising statement was that "time is on our side despite the

fact that the Arabs are being supplied by both the Soviets and Western powers including the U.S. with highly sophisticated arms. The more the sophistication in arms the greater the need for more highly trained personnel to operate and maintain this equipment.

An interesting extra "side show" was the "debate" between Norman Podhoretz, the prominent editor of Commentary and the provocative editor of "Davar" Hannah Zemer — on the rather trite subject — the right to criticize. Podhoretz lambasted the Israel press for their unbridled criticism declaring that it "helps Israel's enemies — and they are legion in the U.S. —

to say more and more openly that Israel is not a democratic country." Hannah Zemer acknowledged abuses but defended the right to criticize — with some reservations. Informed journalists agreed with Podhoretz that some Israeli press, particularly those printed for overseas readers, are lax in considering the harmful effect of constant negative reporting.

Of more immediate concern to the foreign press was their increasing dependence on Federation subsidies and donor support, both limiting freedom of expression and their ability to expand operations. From a social viewpoint, the assembling of press veterans provided an excellent opportunity for meeting each other and exchanging ideas and experiences. Our gifted publisher Gabe Cohen was the center of attention for a host of old friends whose contacts go back for many years. He is and will continue to be an inspiration to the younger men now engaging in a fascinating but highly difficult profession — the publishing and editing of a Jewish publication.

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Undoing unemployment

More than in any other Western country, perhaps, competitive political forces in Israel use the state of the national economy as a football to be kicked around in the effort to score goals for one side or the other.

No matter what other criticism may be made of it, the present National Unity Government has succeeded in compelling the two polar elements, Labor and the Likud, to sit together and hammer out a major policy for arresting inflation — successfully, though not without great difficulties and some attempts along the way at political sabotage.

After a couple of years during which the annual inflation rate in Israel ran to 400 percent or more per year, the rate was drastically reduced soon after the middle of 1985, and during the last two months of that year ran to only .05 percent and 1.3 percent per month respectively. In other words, the government has regained control of the runaway economy. The present prospects for 1986 appear excellent.

This has not been achieved without a price. The strategists had their choice of two major policies: either to engineer a general reduction in the purchasing power of all wages and salaries, but in that way maintain maximum possible employment, or to preserve wages at their then high level, but at the cost of widespread unemployment. The decision was made in favor of the latter, and has proven successful.

The Histadrut, Israel's labor federation, made appropriate noises of protest, largely at the instigation and prodding of wildcat trade unions, which insisted on both maintaining high wages and preventing unemployment (how they did not say), but in the end the national labor leaders displayed a high degree of responsible patriotism, based on the realization that the policy adopted would in the long run be in the best interests of labor.

There have been painful pockets of unemployment in some towns. Major industries, like Ata Textile Mills, and the shipyards, exposed in the harshlight of economic reality as being unviable for various reasons, have been forced to the wall, and the anguished cries of the dismissed labor staff have echoed painfully throughout the country.

Yet when all is said and done, Israel's unemployment rate, running at about 7.5 percent, is less than that of the U.S., Great Britain, and many other western industrial countries. Criticism of Israel's economic program is still being given shrill expression here, but the overseas observer should note carefully the political sources within the country from which such sniping comes. — A.C.

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SOCIAL CALENDAR

BY JEAN HERSCHAFT

We celebrated the 106th year with ORT at its annual conference at The Sheraton Center, New York. (It is the Organization for Rehabilitation through Training.) As Israeli Ambassador Meir Rosenne said at the banquet "the group that has provided Jews with respectability by giving them the tools of education to make a living."

Starting in Russia in 1880 to teach trades, now 106 years later its focus is still on providing skills, but it is "hi-technology" computer wizardry, robotics that leads in its programs. This is a capsule definition by American ORT Federation president Alvin Gray (Cleveland, Ohio) in his annual report given at the gala dinner. Disclosed at the same time was the challenge of keeping ORT teachers up-to-date on the latest in the "hi-tech" field.

Gray, who will complete the third year of his four year term of office, said, "The advances in computer and robotics training throughout the ORT educational network present a new challenge to ORT educators. Because the body of knowledge acquired by teachers is no longer valid after a few years, they face the risk of rapidly becoming obsolete. Thus the task facing ORT is how to help teachers to develop their potential and adapt themselves to the constantly changing educational and workplace environment." The new Braude Institute of Technology in Karmiel, the 100th ORT school in Israel (largest ORT network) will serve as a regional educational center and provide training programs in science and technology for ORT teachers in Israel and around the world, Gray said.

More than 500 delegates from American Federation ORT chapters across the land participated in discussions aimed at determining the future direction of support for the ORT global network of 800 schools and training centers, which provide 133,000 students with vocational, technical and Jewish education.

An interesting advance at the ORT school of Engineering in Jerusalem has been the installation of an electro-optics laboratory. Computerized numerical control machines are another highlight having been supplied to ORT schools in Ein-Harad, Tel Aviv, Netanya, Karmiel, Holon and Bat Yam, Gray noted. While 20 departments in the ORT France network, the second largest ORT, closed down in the metal working trades division having become obsolete, 26 new departments were opened in microprocessing, electronics and data processing to provide a picture of the rapidly changing work scene.

Rosenne had informed the banquet session that a number of Vietnamese boat people's children are today studying in ORT France Montreuil School. Students who are being provided with skills to productive lives from one of despair that had directed their parents to risk escape. (Compassion for refugees which is a tribute).

The banquet session, the evening prior, witnessed the awarding of the "Man of the Year" plaque. It went to Stanley Black, a real estate entrepreneur who is ORT leader in L.A.

In a moving acceptance chat, Black noted his deep interest in the educational process of training that signaled the debut of the L.A. ORT Institute.

"At a recent fund raising dinner, we had a number of Italian non-Jewish benefactors who contributed generously," he revealed. "We later learned that many years ago a mother of one had been a refugee in Europe and had as a young woman received trade instruction at an ORT school. That experience sent her away skilled and able to earn a living. She never forgot ORT; her son told me," he said. Black is credited with raising about \$8 million for ORT.

At the Sunday session a delegate posed a question to Dr. Cherdack of the L. A. unit. "Are there non-Jewish students enrolled?" He replied, "Yes, two Hispanics." However, he stressed "We do all our advertising to the Jewish community, in Jewish periodicals. When a non-Jewish student applies, he/she must take the same entrance exam and is informed, if accepted must take the required Jewish classes instruction." Jaskol and Rabbi Herring too, stated that the main thrust of advertising is geared toward Jewish community.

Once again the adorable two dolls Lotte and Rachel, the daughters of the President and Mrs. Gray were present — a vision in white cotton dresses trimmed with lace. The Grays take the dolls to Israel as well, "they've been there four times

JEW'S BY CHOICE

Born gentile, living Jewish

By SAMANTHA LINDBLAD

When a non-Jew hears the word "convert," though they can't understand how you could "convert to a race," I get the feeling they somehow consider



you to be a sort of "ersatz" Jew.

For instance, Tom, a Catholic, is a very likable person, outgoing, has a wonderful sense of humor, and is obviously very active judging from his verbal resume. There isn't a job or profession you can mention that he hasn't excelled in at one time or another. Jesuit priest, Marine sergeant and demolitions expert, congressman, senatorial campaign manager, assistant university professor, policeman, lawyer and legal assistant to the D.A....and (while living in our area) seller of firewood. In fact, the only thing I think he hasn't done in his 36 years on earth is give birth. But then it could be that I fell asleep during that story.

His wife, Sarah, is a Jew, though a non-observant and non-practicing one, who told me during our first meeting that Tom knew nothing about Judaism, and that she found it hard to explain it to him.

Well, I was to learn that not only did Tom know nothing of Judaism but one of the major reasons it was so difficult to

explain it to him is because the only time you're able to get a word in edgewise is when he's lying on the floor gasping for breath after each 20-minute segment of non-stop talking.

Tom paid us maybe 20 or 30 visits, alone and always managed to get in the fact that Sarah was born Jewish, whereas I'm only a "convert" to Judaism (which he pronounced Jew-DAY-ism).

The last straw finally occurred during the 4th of July weekend when, after watching the fireworks display on the lake from our front porch, Sarah left to put their son to bed and Tom said, "I can't tell this joke when

as Sarah is." There I've said it, I thought, and that should be the end of it.

A week later Tom showed up again and said, "You know, I told Sarah what you said and she said you're right, you are more Jewish than she is."

I closed my eyes, took a deep breath, counted to 7,000, mentally clubbed him to death and then said, "I didn't say I was more Jewish than she is, I said we were both equally Jewish." But Tom, as usual, wasn't listening.

The next day my mind was filled with speeches as to how I could make him understand but, knowing he doesn't listen very

Just because Sarah was born Jewish doesn't make her any more Jewish than I am. There is no difference between us.

Sarah's around because she gets mad. But I can tell it in front of you because you're only a convert, Sarah was born Jewish." (The joke was the old one about the Jewish mother who buys her son two sweaters, one blue, one green...)

After I'd finally recovered from this side-splitting joke, that I've probably heard about two thousand times, I said, "Tom, you're always pointing out, with great emphasis, that Sarah was born Jewish whereas I'm only a convert. Just because Sarah was born of Jewish parents doesn't make her any more Jewish than I am. There is no difference between us. I'm considered to be just as Jewish

well, I finally decided to write it all down.

Two days later I had five neatly typed pages of data ready for him and anxious to show my husband, knowing he would be impressed beyond words. When he arrived home from work I stood waiting at the door, the pages clutched proudly in my hand and almost able to hear the applause, when my husband walked in and said, "Guess what, Tom and Sarah just packed up and moved to San Diego last weekend."

"Why don't you start a fire in the stove," I said, and handed him the pages, "You can use these to get it started."

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Brad Gilbert tops Stefan Edberg

MEMPHIS — Brad Gilbert, who is ranked 6th in the world, will move up a place or two in the rankings following his victory in the U.S. Indoor Championship here. He defeated Stefan Edberg of Sweden 7-5, 7-6 to win \$45,000 first place money. In the process, Gilbert, who is fast becoming feared on the circuit, defeated top-seeded Jimmy Connors in the quarter finals.

In another indoor meet, the Corel North American tourney in Toronto, Israeli Amos Mansdorf threw a scare into top-seeded Joakim Nystrom by the score of 6-4, 4-6, 7-5. Mansdorf is ranked 96 and Nystrom 11 in world standing. "I feel that I'm lucky to have won the match," Nystrom told the press.

already!" Mrs. Gray smiled. "They have attended all ORT's annuals" she said of the 5 and 7 year olds.

Mr. and Mrs. Nat Shulman of Charlotte, South Carolina, were a joy to share a table with. Husband Nat, a national ORT board member, told us of the island off S.C. that the sheiks of Kuwait purchased some ten years ago for twenty million dollars, proceeded to develop it into a resort area for another \$500 million. "It's a magnificent resort," he said.

The Shulman's praised Sheriff Reuben Greenberg, the Jewish black employee of Charlotte, S.C., who was a featured guest and the storyline of the national "60 Minutes" telecast Jan. 21. "Greenberg is a dedicated Jew and an outstanding officer of the law," they said. "He davens regularly in our synagogue with us." He is portrayed in the telecast, they commented.

Perhaps the most popular couple at the conference were the newlyweds Rabbi Gilbert Klaperman and N.Y.C. Councilwoman Susan Alter-Klaperman. We congratulated them. Susan replied to us, "I'll keep my home in Brooklyn, living there and in Long Island." Her younger daughter will attend Yeshiva of Flatbush High School. The older daughter is planning to attend college, not selected as yet. Rabbi Klaperman led the Shabbat Services and gave a sermon "Meeting the Challenge."

Moshe Nagose, an Ethiopian new Israeli student-teacher in ORT Israel had a prominent seat on the dais where many delegates came up to him and shook his hand. He led a session on Friday morning entitled: "From Falashas to Israelis."

Coffee, tea, or Rabbi Kahane

By ARLENE G. PECK

Time has taken its toll on my old friend and favorite rabble rouser, Rabbi Meir Kahane.

In the old days, he would have come into Atlanta and been



avoided like the plague. The Atlanta Federation studiously tried to never take notice of his existence. Invitations were not forthcoming. There was always time to sit over a cup of coffee and discuss well into the night issues which he found urgent. Well, that was in the old days.

Now, when he arrived in town this week, every minute of his time was taken with demands for talk shows, speeches and dinners. We did, however, have time to stop off at a restaurant for a drink. But, this time, two cars of plainclothes policemen were following us and escorting our bodies into the building.

While they sat unobtrusively at other tables, I asked where he goes from here. Actually I already knew the answer to that question. Rabbi Meir Kahane is not only a man with a purpose, but he knows exactly where he wants to be. And that, my readers, is Prime Minister of Israel. I shudder to think of how many of our establishment Jewish leaders would go into cardiac arrest if such an event should occur. But stranger things have happened.

His strength and power base are growing. Despite the objections of many, he is speaking the language of a substantial number. And they are responding by voting. It's not by accident that he has risen to a point where he is now. And I, dear readers, am going to fill you in over the next couple of issues on what he says.

It never ceases to amaze me how much hostility I receive from my fellow Jews every time I report on his comments. Sometimes, I think that I could write that I had a tete-a-tete with Qaddafi and it would enlist less response. But, Kahane? The letters to the editor are filled for weeks, and usually adversely.

Despite it all, I think that what he has to say is important. On the subject of his U.S. citizenship, which at the moment, has been revoked, he feels that the problems that he is encountering are a result of a joint venture between the Israeli

government and the United States to keep him out of this country. When asked if there weren't a law which excludes a United States citizen from serving on a foreign government, Kahane said that there is no such law. He then went on to state that, "The United States allows it, and there are 7 million Americans who live with dual citizenships. Golda Meir was a dual citizen. Moshe Arens is another. Marsha Freedman of the Citizen Rights Party from 1973-1977 in the Knesset kept her citizenship and nobody ever bothered her. The present Ambassador of Granada is a U.S. citizen. It is my politics, not the law. Both countries have common objectives to stop my rise to power. America which would like an Israeli

Furthermore, Kahane believes that the hypocrisy of Jewish liberals is astounding. "The same ones," he says, "who say that the Nazis should be defended by Jewish lawyers in the ACLU. These Jewish leaders who are chosen for one reason only, their money, have the nerve to speak to me of Jewish values!" I nodded my head in agreement when he continued, "The same ones who marched in the 1960s in Salem and got arrested. Yet these same Jewish leaders will march and protest against the South African policies. Our concerns should not be for Tutu who is a vicious Jew hater. Our concerns should not be for the Angela Davis, or lettuce or grape workers! Our concerns should be for our fellow brothers in South

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government to make concessions and knows a Kahane will not make concessions in giving up land."

We spoke of many other things. One of the most interesting to me was on the issue of the Falashas, and the Black Hebrews. The Falashas are an incredibly misunderstood problem. Kahane stated, "The Chief Rabbi has made it clear that they are Jews. The reason that he wants ritual immersion is for their benefit since other problems arose that have nothing to do with their Jewishness. Their problem will be the social absorption and integration into the population that we won't know for another four or five years."

When he moved onto the issue of Black Hebrews, he shrugged his shoulders and his almost hypnotic eyes got a shade darker and he said, "Black Hebrews are not Jewish! They are a gang of thugs from Chicago that the JDL used to fight in the streets in 1968. They left from Chicago and went to Liberia in 1969. In 1970 they were expelled from Liberia and left for Israel. Today, they sit in Israel not only breaking laws but also attacking the Jews and Israel. The gutless government of Israel doesn't have the guts to throw them out. I promise you that when I'm Prime Minister I'll throw them out. Not because they are black, but because they are criminals."

Africa."

Am I as wrong as Kahane when I believe that our caring should be for ourselves? I have long said that he who tends everyone else's garden gets weeds in his own. Who marches for us? Who came to our aid in great masses during the pogroms and the Holocaust? When do we learn our lesson?

I asked this to Rabbi Kahane and he said, "Don't be obsessed with being loved. They love us after a Holocaust. I don't want love. I want respect!"

Well, I agree. I know that anti-Semitism is alive and well in this country. It comes in Farrakhan black and all kinds of white. Go to a bar and listen to how they feel! I listened to the people who called in during his talk shows. A few were kind but for the most part I heard people telling how they were "Good Christians" who love the Arabs and they love the Jews...but, both should be forced to take Jesus into their lives and hearts so that they can be forgiven for their sins. It sent chills up my spine to listen to middle America speak on talk shows about how they resent every dime that is sent to the Zionist Nation of Israel. When do we learn that it is time to put our efforts into keeping our country of Israel strong and our people safe?

(Next: Rabbi Kahane on terrorism and the Arabs in Israel.)



DR. GORDON

By Sol Gordon

Responsible sexuality

To achieve healthy sexual adjustment, I believe we must seek these basic freedoms:

Freedom from sexual stereotyping

Cultural definitions of masculinity and femininity are the key to sexual stereotyping. Our culture has insisted on the idea that men should be aggressive, worldly, strong, rational, and dominant, and that women should be passive, domestic, weak, emotional, and submissive. The destruction of these stereotypes is necessary to achieve honest human relationships.

We have also been led to believe that heterosexual love is the only legitimate and "normal" kind of love. We must recognize that homosexuality and bisexuality are also valid sexual behaviors. We must also guarantee the right to reveal or not to reveal sexual interests and tendencies.

Furthermore, we have to break out of stereotypes, new and old, about marriages and living together, and recognize both as "healthy" arrangements for two people who respect and care about each other. Other stereotypes that need to be legitimized are such unconventional pairings as an older woman with a younger man, elderly couples, interracial couples and couples who decide not to have children. We must also eliminate discrimination against people who choose to be single or celibate.

Freedom from sexual oppression

The exploitation of women for the purposes of selling products and services reduces women to sexual objects, and creates narrow, stereotypical standards of beauty. Women are also exploited as workers, being underpaid for most jobs, and receive little recognition for being housewives and mothers. People must be made aware of this exploitation on all levels — economic, educational, social, and sexual — before any two people can relate with sexual honesty.

Men are also exploited because of "roles" they are supposed to play in our society. For example, men who are not interested in sports, or who like housekeeping, are ridiculed and often are deprived of economic opportunities because they do not fit into a "company's" image of what constitutes the male role.

Women, too, exploit men and expect them to fulfill roles such as "provider," "daddy," or "stud."

Freedom of information

Access to basic information must be guaranteed to all regardless of age, sex, or intelligence. In the case of mentally handicapped people, special efforts must be made to give them necessary information in a way that they can understand. Freedom of information should also include the right to read pornography and all other literature that has been subject to societal restrictions. Only complete freedom of information can ensure an educated and enlightened populace.

Freedom from repression of the last generation

Young people must realize that many parents do not have adequate information about sexual behavior, of if they do, they are often unable or unwilling to communicate it to their children. Even parents who present the basic facts may find it difficult to deal with their child's feelings about his or her own emerging sexuality. Perhaps because of their own fears and misconceptions, many parents overreact to their children's questions or sexual behavior. Although parents are a good source for moral values and attitudes we must recognize the possibility of their passing on misinformation, prejudices, and personal problems concerning sexual matters. What is needed more than school programs is a massive sex education program directed at parents and newlyweds. Our feelings and knowledge about sex

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"The Book of Abraham" and beyond

By DR. SHARON WEINSTEIN

Faithful readers of "Book Beat" know that sometimes it's just impossible to review a single book in a column. The news about forthcoming books,



books received, and other book tidbits pile up until there must be a clearing. Though it's a little early for "spring cleaning," here goes.

Get ready this April for "The Book of Abraham," a novel by Marek Halter, which received extraordinary praise when it was a bestseller in France during 1983-84. President Francois Mitterand said that "...textbooks are so often silent on the history of the Jews in France. As if no Jew had ever lived or created in our country. In "The Book of Abraham," Marek Halter reminds us of the long lineage of millers in Narbonne, wine-growers in Troyes, scribes in Strasbourg, printers in Paris during the Revolution. The history of my generation is the

history of the Jewish tragedy in Europe, in France. It is high time for us to begin teaching how much the civilization of France owes to the Jewish people. Marek Halter has opened the first pages of a great book."

And Prime Minister Shimon Peres wrote to Halter that "what held my attention more than anything else — you do not close accounts; you do not make summations; you do not shut the door. Hope, expectation, and a commitment to the future run like a thread from beginning to end of your exceptional book."

The publishing company, Holt, Rinehart and Winston, is beside itself with pride and publicity. The 62-page publicity pamphlet I received contains excerpts from the novel, biographical data on Halter, and a letter from the president of the company. A 12-part television mini-series is in the works, produced by Jean Frydman, who created "The Holocaust" series. Halter will be in the United States in late March. You will probably be hearing more about this book and Halter in a later column.

On the lighter side is a mystery novel highlighted by Newgate Callendar in his "Crime" column for The New York Times Book Review

(January 26, 1986), "Death and Blintzes," (Walker, \$14.95) by a husband and wife team in their 70s, Dorothy and Sidney Rosen. It sounds delightful and I've put my request in. Here is some of Callendar's description:

"The scene is Boston during the Great Depression. The heroine is a Jewish widow running a sewing machine in a pants factory...Belle Appleman...a spunky redhead who doesn't realize how attractive she is. She is also a very nosy woman, and when there is a murder in the factory, she appoints herself a detective. She eavesdrops unabashedly ('Listen, a sneak I'm not. But it's a detective's job to listen, no?')

For a different angle completely, not what Karen Katz, newcomer to the art of designing book covers, has to say about her very first assignment. "Frank (Metz, vice president and art director at Simon & Schuster) gave me this book called 'Hooray for Yiddish.' Well, that sounds pretty snappy, right? So, I thought, this needs a lively interpretation, and my first sketch had the title and author's name dancing around the cover. Metz said no. I then did some high-flying yarmulkes. No. Finally, Metz said that, really, all he wanted was a

simple type cover with some bright colors. So I did it. Straight off rock'n'roll records, I had a lot to learn, but I like books very much and think I am lucky to have found such a satisfying niche."

Katz, who says she tries "not to approach jackets with a hackneyed idea of convention," and likes "unusual colors and odd color breaks," recently designed the cover for "Square Meals," a cookbook by Jane and Michael Stern. Its image is of a woman we perceive as an old-fashioned "housewife," in a Betty Crocker hairdo and fluffy apron, peering into an opened pot, the lid in her right hand. (Publishers Weekly, January 24, 1986).

Among the books recently received is one called "Confessions of a Jewish Cultbuster" by Shea Hecht with Chaim Clorfene (Tosefos Media, 1649 President St., Brooklyn, New York 11213; \$14.95 hardcover, \$11.95 softcover). On its cover is a picture of what looks like a mother embracing a smaller person who is clothed in an orange robe, bald except for a long pony tail sprouting out of the back of its head (the sex of

the child cannot be determined). Both figures seem to be rising out of the head of a bearded man who is wearing a red yarmulke trimmed in pink.

I have not read the book and cannot comment on its contents. Arnold Fine, writing for the Jewish Press (January 10, 1986), says that "Confessions" is "an important book. Even if you do not agree with all of their tactics, at least it offers a ray of hope for the family of a youngster who has joined a cult. Indeed, cults have not gone away. They are here and will continue to steal Jewish souls."

Shea Hecht was a de-programmer from 1972-1982 and is presently executive director of Jewish Schools for College Youth, yeshivot for men and women from non-observant backgrounds. Chaim Clorfene, was creative director for Mel Blanc Associates in Hollywood and won more than 100 awards for excellence in radio commercial writing and has written several non-fiction books. He became an Orthodox Jew in 1976.

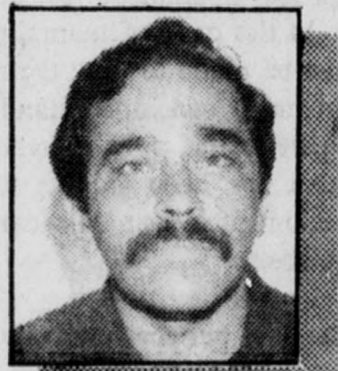
Two books worthy of note have just been released by
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SPORTS SCENE

The first Amy Alcott Award of Excellence

By SHEL WALLMAN

The Riviera Country Club in Pacific Palisades, Calif., will soon inaugurate the Amy Alcott Award of Excellence. The award will be presented to



the top junior female golfer in Southern California.

Amy, 29, has won 24 tour victories including the 1980 U.S. Open and the 1985 World Championship of Women's Golf and is the fifth leading money winner of all time on the women's tour. "This is very humbling," Alcott said. "I learned most of my golf hitting into a net in the backyard, but Riviera allowed me to come

over and hone my game. I'm humbled but pleased by this award, because I wanted to pay tribute to junior girl golfers who many times are overlooked." Alcott recently donated \$50,000 to endow a golf scholarship at UCLA.

Cory Pavin had an excellent year in 1985 and was the sixth ranked player on the PGA tour. In 29 PGA sponsored tournaments, Cory made the cut in 25, won one, placed in two, showed in one and finished in the top 10 in 14, best for the tour. He earned \$367,506 for his troubles proving there is plenty of green to be made on the greens.

Track & Field News, the sports bible, has released its world and U.S. bests, 50 deep for men and 40 for women for 1985. Gary Williky, an Arizona State graduate from Old

Bridge, N.J., was world ranked number 25 in the shot-put and number 44 in the discus, while Todd Kaufman of San Jose, Calif., was U.S. ranked number 32 in the shot-put and number 28 in the discus. In an event dominated by East Europeans, Ken Flax of the University of Oregon was U.S. ranked number 3 in the hammer (only one American made the world top 50), while Aaron Buckholtz (P) of Woodland Hills, CA., was number 39. Princeton graduate David Olds was number 16 in the United States in the marathon, while veteran Brian Mondschein (P) was U.S. ranked number 46 in the decathlon.

Among the women, Nora Collas, a senior at the University of Houston from Cleveland Heights, Ohio, was world ranked number 31 in the 10,000 m. run and U.S. ranked number 3 in the 5,000 m. Williky, Kaufman, Mondschein,

Flax and Collas. were all members of the 1985 U.S. Maccabiah team.

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Steimatzky Publishing (56 East 11th St., New York, N.Y. 10003): "Diaspora: Exile and the Contemporary Jewish Condition" edited by Etan Levine, and featuring Post and Opinion columnist Jacob Neusner with an essay, "The Jewish Condition after Galut," from his book "The Jewish War Against the Jews," plus many other essays, including Golda Meir, Martin Buber, Yitzhak Rabin, Mordecai M. Kaplan, A.B. Yehoshua, Hillel Halkin, and others. This book claims to be "the most comprehensive and insightful collection of opinion — from Judaism's greatest thinkers — about what it means to be a Jew living outside Israel today."

In his essay "Here I am; Here I Remain," Abram Kanof says, "I think I know why I prefer exile to aliyah (return to Israel). Exile implies involuntary detachment from the homeland. The very freedom to move I enjoy eliminates the sting of being an exile...I prefer being a Jew intellectually, culturally, and in many ways religiously, rather than geographically." Bernard Berofsky, however, writes that, "The Jew in the diaspora who personally declines aliyah in order to preserve his status as a full-fledged Jew denies that the Jews are essentially a nation...In denying a national status for Jewry, he removes the underpinnings of the Zionist case for a national homeland."

The other stimulating offering from Steimatzky is "The Media's War Against Israel," with an introduction by Congressman Jack Kemp, edited by Stephen Karetzky and Peter E. Goldman, including essays by Norman Podhoretz and Ze'ev Chafets from Commentary, Rael Jean Isaac from The New Republic, Peter E. Goldman and Marvin Maurer from Midstream, and others. Steimatzky describes their book as "the most candid expose yet on the vast misuse of power exercised by those who shape and influence America's news and public opinion." It features "a searing 100-page critique of The New York Times" and offers a special essay by David Bar-Illan on "The Hijacking of Flight 847: The Media Blames Israel," which "discusses how the media's manipulation of events can inflame relations between Israel and the United States, endanger the lives of hostages during a terrorist attack and encourage further acts of terror."

Dr. Gordon

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become exceedingly important when we realize that we may pass on unhealthy attitudes to our children.

Freedom from research nonsense and sex myths

Access to accurate information is crucial to a healthy sexuality. Unfortunately, not everything in print is reliable information. One "study" reported that males were "in their prime" at age 17, and females in their late 20s. Popular reports like these, and even more reputable studies often confuse a common sense approach to sexuality. Some research is extremely valuable for debunking sexual myths (for example, some of the work of Masters and Johnson). However, a flood of popular articles on sex in magazines and newspapers actually create new myths. We must find a sane perspective on research based on common sense and the basic facts about sexual behavior.

Freedom to control one's own body

We must be free from legal controls of our own bodies. This freedom would prohibit legislation restricting medical abortion, voluntary sterilization, consensual sexual relations among adults, contraceptive information and devices for minors, and privacy of sexual expression. Also implied would be the right to choose one's own life style and sexual partners. Inherent, too, is the right to proper medical care and access to contraceptive devices for anyone who wants them.

Freedom to express affection

Until we overcome our fear of expressing our affection for one another, regardless of gender, we cannot achieve full sexual adjustment. Our culture now suffers great anxiety even about touching another person (hugging, holding hands, etc.) We must be able to feel free to touch other people, even a member of the same sex, without fear of critical diagnosis and fixation. This is especially important with children, who want and enjoy physical affection from adults and peers.

Freedom of sexual expression for the handicapped

We must recognize and facilitate sexual expression among the mentally retarded, emotionally disturbed, and physically handicapped. Special educational efforts should be directed to helping these people find appropriate sexual opportunities.

While these freedoms are a necessary precondition for healthy sexuality, they are not without their corollary responsibilities. These moral or ethical standards also must be commonly accepted.

- No one has the right to exploit another person's body, commercially or sexually.
- No one has the right to bring an unwanted child into the world.
- No one has the right to spread venereal disease.
- No one has the right to exploit children sexually, or take advantage of mentally or physically handicapped people.
- No one has the right to impose his sexual preferences, including when and with whom to have sex. Sexual choices must be voluntary.

These freedoms and responsibilities cannot be guaranteed by the Constitution but will evolve gradually as people's consciousness about sexuality changes. The most important factors in affecting this change will be a willingness to communicate openly and to explore our preconceived notions about sexuality. A facilitator in this process will be complete access to factual information.

Eventually, we will come to realize that any two adults have the right to voluntary non-exploitative sexual relations. Ideally their relationship should lead to and enhance each other's personal growth.

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Tourism against terror

Although one has to read between the lines, it seems clear that Israel is suffering from a severe cutback in tourism. The reason is not too difficult to ascertain. It is fear because of the long series of terrorist attacks aimed at the goal, among many other hoped-for nefarious attainments including murder, of cutting off one of Israel's principle sources of foreign exchange — tourism.

In such a situation, a response is called for from the American Jewish community. In fact, a response is called for from all lovers of democracy and peace, but the initial reaction must come from the Jews of the diaspora.

If, in fact, there was real danger, even then enough Jews should show their mettle and their love of Israel, despite what some would consider a sacrifice, and show the Arab world that while Israelis have proven their courage on the battlefield, Jews of the world also have what it takes when it comes to a showdown.

But there is no real danger.

Anyone who has been to Israel knows that he or she is as safe, if not safer, than in Florida or wherever Jews cluster to spend their vacations. Even on the airlines, which seem to be the hunting ground of the terrorist, safety is assured, and especially on El Al.

So what will be the response?

What should be the response?

Every congregation in North America, and hopefully elsewhere, must schedule a tour to Israel with their rabbi. And this year, not next.

From the several hundred bulletins of congregations which reach the office of The Post and Opinion, we know that scores of rabbis are conducting such tours of Israel this year. But there are hundreds that are not planning one. There is still time. It is not up to the rabbis to arrange such tours. We are in a time when the average Jew must show his concern for the welfare of Israel. It is the congregant who should approach his rabbi and his board and urge, if not demand, that a tour be planned promptly for this year.

Such a demonstration of faith would still teach the world a lesson, even though it is widely recognized that the welfare of Israel is a high priority, if not the highest, of Jews everywhere.

As for the Israel tourist departments, they might also wake up. They should prepare immediately a list of congregations with already scheduled tours and publish it widely. Many of the tours will be from non-Jewish groups — all the better.

Then let the Israel Tourist Agency begin listing for the world to see the new tours that abruptly become scheduled in answer to the terrorists — the best answer of all, far superior to any retaliation.

The obverse also needs to be considered.

If tourism by Jews (and others) continues to suffer, that means we have handed a big victory to the terrorists on a platter. They can gloat and they can intensify their attacks on innocent civilians and this time the engagement will have been won not against Israel soldiers on the battlefield, but against the world Jewish community.

So which will be the first congregations to respond?

WITH THE CONGREGATIONS

Sermon of the week

Back to the Future of Reform Judaism — Rabbi Gordon Geller, Mobile, Ala. while scholar-in-residence at Tree of Life Congregation, Columbia, S.C.

Pulpit changes

Rabbi Avrohom Schnall has been elected spiritual leader of the North Avondale Synagogue, Cincinnati...Congregation Beth Abraham, Bridgeton, N.J. has elected Rabbi Reeves Brenner to its pulpit...Rabbi Sam Krasner has been named spiritual leader of the Tree of Life Congregation, Uniontown, Pa.

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colony. And was Henri knowledgeable. Any group headed for Israel — at least for Beit Hatfutsot, should engage him, assuming he is available. We asked a few of the students why they finally found themselves in a yeshiva in Jerusalem, and each story was different, except that the few we asked, had not been Orthodox, and were far from it. The bottom line was that they wanted something "authentic." We asked about their parents, and if there was any objection, but there was only the usual. The several we asked — Rick Burns, of Philadelphia, a student at Temple, and Bobbie Vason, Simi Valley, Calif., planned to stay for a year or so and return to the United States — but who knows?

Before leaving the subject, the reconstructed synagogues, not only of Europe, but even the one at Kaifung, China, were a revelation to one like this writer whose avocation is synagogue architecture. Henri was a student of Velikovsky — not studying under him, but a devout believer of the controversial historian-scientist, and he "larded" his explanation of the various presentations with references, such as the parting of the Red Sea, etc. etc., to Velikovsky's interpretations.

ON THE FLIGHT HOME from Israel to Paris, our seat companion had been in Gaza and the West Bank, where she is completing her work for a doctorate at Harvard in international developments. Her message was that the Arab population in the two occupied territories was being mistreated, and that their plight was hardly known. She had spent four months in the territories, so the assumption is that she has done her investigation with more than a cursory knowledge of the conditions. Just what her thesis will contain, obviously we do not know, but it should be interesting and certainly revealing. We probably will want to interview her when she gets back to her studies and then be able to provide a full-fledged report of her findings.

She had with her, and we read it all through the long flight from Tel Aviv to Paris, the account by Walter Reich in the June 1984 Atlantic Monthly on the problems and possibilities for some hope for a development that would provide the Arabs in the occupied territories self-government of sorts or the plan for some kind of arrangement for them with Jordan.

The Reich piece is extra long, and his conclusions don't seem to be justified by the

numerous interviews he conducted over a long period of time with both Arabs and Israelis. Reich writes beautifully, and is a good reporter and of course knowledgeable. The wonder is that we never heard of his work which occupies more than half of that edition of the Atlantic Monthly.

So the young lady is Sara M. Roy, and we'll look forward to getting an interview with her.

WHOMEVER YOU MEET IN ISRAEL, if you keep dredging you'll finally develop some kind of a connection, especially if they are from the U.S. Right off the plane at Ben Gurion airport, we took a sherut to our hotel in Jerusalem (the cost is \$7 and you ride in a sumptuous limousine, which will not take more than 7 passengers), and sitting next to us, or rather on both sides of us were a mother and married daughter, whose names were Roz Cabilo and Bea Brass, both of Malden, Mass. There was no connection until it developed that their rabbi was Samuel Fox, to whom they were very close. Mrs. Cabilo was there for the yahrzeit of her husband, who was buried on Mt. of Olives, and of course Rabbi Fox had conducted the funeral. In fact, Mr. Cabilo was president of the congregation in nearby Lynn. Rabbi Fox was spiritual leader of the United Hebrew Congregation in Indianapolis when it was on the South Side of town, and of course we knew him well. He writes a weekly column, "Ask The Rabbi," which is distributed by the JTA.

FOR THOSE OF YOU who may not be able to afford the high hotel rates these days, even in Israel, we can recommend the Armon Hayarkon in Tel Aviv. We paid only \$24 a day for the five days we were there, and everything was perfect, clean and modern as a whistle and most attentive to every need. The location was just around the corner from The Golden Beach, and only a few blocks from the Hilton, which is also on Hayarkon St. Hotels in Israel are graded by stars. The Hilton or the King David or the Laromme or the Ramada are all five star hotels and they differ from a four star hotel in that they have swimming pools. Then there are three-star hotels and here too there are probably some significant difference, but not in price. We called the Dan before Ray Noam recommended the Armon, and their price was \$66 a day plus 15 percent for gratuities.

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Israel and immigration

Dear Editor,

The Jan. 29, 1986 editorial "On Aliyah" deserves a number of comments, most of which will answer also Israeli officials questions in that regard — namely the lack of aliyah from the U.S. and other Western countries as well.

Let me take the young people first. In order to be established, and most of those who may be induced to make aliyah do not want to live on farms, kibbutzim, but are also usually city-raised, require firm and lasting employment contacts in their fields of expertise, if they have like most professional backgrounds and upbringings. The economic situation in Israel has never been stable enough to guarantee that such conditions would exist, which would bring about a certain increase among the young to make aliyah.

The second reason is an underlying one, namely as long as there is the danger of renewed war, fighting and or terrorist incidents, there is also a great reluctance on the part of young people to risk aliyah, especially in the light that thousands of Israelis have themselves left the country for more or less permanent residences in Europe or the U.S.; all of these are valid reasons for rejecting making aliyah.

It is commendable on one hand that so many young singles and families with strict Orthodox upbringings and backgrounds are in the majorities of those making aliyah now and the climate for their being integrated is by far greater than others, who may have been brought up under Conservative and Reform home backgrounds.

Which brings me to the next serious point to be made: As long as there is the prevailing attitude existing in Israel which makes Conservative and Reform Jews really only second class citizens in the eyes of the ruling Orthodoxy, it is very hard to expect that in such a climate one can see increases in aliyah from the Western countries, since the majority of the young are after all brought up in Conservative and Reform environments and unless they have been imbued with Zionist fervors in their memberships in youth organizations, it is highly unlikely that they may have the calling to immigrate to Israel.

Now the last problem with aliyah: Retired citizens from the Western countries, especially the U.S. could live quite well in

Israel, even in specially provided retirement communities. With the rate of conversion and in many cases added incomes and a favorable rate of exchange Israel could become far more attractive than Florida too. But there are not enough affordable facilities in Israel which would cater to large numbers of that segment of population, which would have to be available first in order to make the aliyah of the retired attractive. With that must be given also special discounts for their families left in their countries of origin to visit them or this idea would not work either, but to my mind there is a major source of immigrants which could contribute a great deal to a better balance of payments as well, since their incomes from rents and other sources would come to Israel as foreign currencies and be offsetting some of the debts that Israel has to pay off in the same countries.

American and other countries energies, enthusiasm and know-how alone will not be incentives enough to change the outlook of people making aliyah. They are voluntarily leaving a different kind of life in the U.S. for the many often insurmountable obstacles facing them in Israel and it is therefore no wonder that all the numerous efforts which have been made over the years have not had better results.

With the prevailing conditions it is also very unlikely that they will change in the future, thereby always leaving aliyah only with very minute successes, which surely could be enhanced if Israel's government would take into account the views expressed.

G.M. Strauss
Silver Springs, Md

Reform intermarriage

Dear Editor,

In regard Rabbi Thal's statement that about 40 percent of the Reform rabbis in the Greater Los Angeles area are officiating at intermarriages. (P.O. Jan. 29).

I led the opposition to the adoption of the CCAR 1973 resolution opposing rabbinic officiation at intermarriages. I said then that about 40 percent of the American Reform rabbinate was officiating at such marriages and would continue to do so, resolution or no resolution. There is good reason to believe that this percentage has now grown to more than half the Reform rabbis of this country and that some who maintain they do not officiate at

such marriages are not telling the truth. These self-styled non-officiators are using gimmicks, which, in effect, result in what amounts to their officiating at intermarriages.

There is little doubt that the overwhelming majority of American Reform laymen want their rabbis to officiate at intermarriages. My experience in lecturing before groups of Conservative and Orthodox laymen indicate that a large percentage of them also wish their rabbis would officiate at such marriages.

It is possible to find many halachic quotations for both sides of this question. The 1973 CCAR resolution should be annulled. The Reform rabbinate should have no official position on this matter. Every Reform rabbi, by virtue of his or her ordination, has complete authority to determine whether he or she will or will not officiate at intermarriages.

A concluding comment on a related matter: The use of the term "mixed marriage" to describe a marriage between a Jew and a non-Jew is shamefully racist. The correct term for such a marriage is "intermarriage" or "interfaith marriage."

Rabbi David Max Eichorn
Satellite Beach, Fla.



Lubavitch obsession

Dear Editor,

Classic Jewish sources teach that the second Temple and the second Jewish Commonwealth were weakened and destroyed by serrat cheenam, senseless hatred expressed by Jew against Jew.

Reform, Conservative, and even the modern Orthodox are often critical — with justification — of those amongst the ultra-right who sow seeds of hatred against another Jew and Jewish groups.

Rabbi Eve H. Yoffie's "Lubavitch Obsession" takes a leaf out of the book of bigotry in an inconsistent, uninformed, biased attack on Lubavitch activities in Israel.

First, however, it is significant to point out that he has

gone to bed with other "liberals," the Rabbinical Assembly of the Conservative Movement. They, too, have reacted to the issue of "conversion according to halachah." After a change in the "Law of Return" was defeated in the Knesset, the RA passed a resolution: any Knesset member — people of the caliber of Arens and Shamir — who voted (and lost) for a change in the "Law of Return" is not permitted to speak or to be honored in a Conservative synagogue — shades of venomous Neturay Korta.

After two thirds of his article on the svengali "power plays" of Lubavitch in Israel, Yoffie writes: "Despite this massive effort, Habad (Lubavitch) has not succeeded in getting its amendment passed...There is nothing illegal or improper about Habad's activities. Israel is a vibrant democracy, and political and ideological interest groups that operate within the law have every right to pursue their interests in the legislative arena."

Professor Lionel Trilling warned that "liberals" with open minds, were in danger of losing their brains. Yoffie's article is a good example.

Bernard Mandelbaum
Mt. Vernon, N.Y.

Dear Editor,

The article of 12/25/85 "Sailing the China Seas" by Arlene Peck was brought to my attention. Frankly, I was surprised by her description of the Hong Kong Lubavitch rabbi's lack of consideration in "never returning (her) calls."

I was even more surprised by the reason suggested by the Hong Kong Jewish community member Mr. Karl Weiss. Anyone familiar with the respect that Lubavitch treats men and women could not agree with that speculation. A responsible reporter would verify such information with the rabbi, or with the local Lubavitch office in her community, rather than rely on hearsay.

I met Rabbi Avtzon last Tuesday. It turns out that he did speak to Arlene Peck on the phone, three times no less! Spending 45 minutes on the phone, it turned out that his and her schedules could not coordinate a meeting time. Although I could appreciate her remorse for missing the opportunity to meet this exceptional rabbi, it's no reason to sully his reputation or character.

I feel that your columnist owes an apology to the Jewish community of Hong Kong and

its spiritual leader. She also owes an apology to the readership of her column for presenting a column containing less than the truth.

Being a feminist does not grant her freedom from being decent.

Rabbi Abraham Grossbaum
Indpls., In

Arlene Peck responds:

Usually I let such letters slide as I figure everyone has a right to their opinion. However, I strongly resent your attitude as I wrote my article exactly as it happened and am appalled that your "exceptional Rabbi Avtzon" would so blatantly lie in trying to defend his rude actions by not returning my calls while I was in Hong Kong and trying to find out something about the Jewish community.

In regard to your comment, "A responsible reporter would verify such information with the rabbi, or with the local Lubavitch office in her community, rather than rely on hearsay," I have a problem with that. You see, as I truthfully stated in my column, Rabbi Avtzon would not and did not return my numerous calls into his office.

Since this elusive man seems to be so accessible to you, maybe the next time you're able to reach him on the phone you might mention that it's not nice for a rabbi to lie...even Lubavitch ones. I don't think that it would be necessary for anyone to sully his reputation or character. With conduct such as this, he seems to be doing pretty well on his own.

Incidentally, I really never thought to label myself as a feminist. Much in the same way I have never given a blanket label to the Lubavitchers as sexists.

However, I do consider myself truthful and decent and owe my readership nothing in the way of an apology concerning my factual reporting about Hong Kong. Maybe it's time to make another call to Rabbi Avtzon and see if maybe he wants to retract the erroneous comments he made to you.

CHEVY CHASE, Md. — Ohr Kodesh Congregation publishes a list of 15 names in its bulletin for each of succeeding weeks for 2 months who it requests attend the evening minyan for five days.

The listing notes that "if you cannot attend the week of your assignment, we ask that you please contact someone listed for another week and switch with them. A captain is named for each week."

Nose for success

A Miami Jewish doctor, a plastic surgeon, who, at the age of 40, got into the ring against Hector Comancho, the former champion, in order to draw attention to a Refusenik who had been the Russian army boxing champ, had a happy ending as word has been received that Yakov Mesh has finally won an exit visa. Dr. Joel Levin, interrupted his practice for six weeks to go into training, and in his first bout took on Bill Medei, known as the "Italian Hammer,"

Medei who shattered the doctor's nose early in round one before more than 2,000 fight fans, half of whom were Jewish, and who were attracted because of the TV and other media attention. But one fight didn't do the trick and it was the Comancho 3-round exhibition that evidently made the difference. In the Comancho fight, Levin's nose was broken again, but the resultant publicity, with a number of world champions signing a petition for Mesh's release from prison — by then he had been sentenced for his activities seeking a visa — did the trick. A call from Mesh's mother rejoicing over her son's imminent release gave the credit to Dr. Levin. Meanwhile Dr. Levin has not permitted any work to be done on his broken nose, considering it his badge of courage.

Jews for Judaism

The Jews for Judaism organization in the Los Angeles area shouldn't have too much trouble attracting attention, especially of young Jews. Its new honorary chairman is none other than Lyle Alzado, of the Los Angeles Raiders. The group, which seeks to offset the missionaries who seek to lure unsuspecting Jews for Christi-

anity, provides lecturers on the deceptive practices of the cults, and seeks to wean away from the cults those have forsaken their Jewish heritage.

Horse maven

What professional head of a leading national Jewish organization has raised and raced horses? He is none other than Nathan Perlmutter, national director of the Anti-Defamation



League of B'nai B'rith. In an interview with Mark Segal of the Jerusalem Post, Perlmutter related that one of the horses was named Neshoma, which many players thought was an Indian name, but is Hebrew for "soul." His expertise with the sport led him to write a book on beating the odds at the race track, "How to Win Money at the Races," which is in its 15th edition. Perlmutter made news when in an article in The New York Times Sunday Magazine he detailed his bout with cancer.

Begin exile

The question of when Menachem Begin will come out of his voluntary seclusion has already been answered at least from the longest time away — three years, if not before that. He came to Indianapolis before he was elected Prime Minister for the brit milah of the son of Hart Hasten, who now is president of American Herut. At that time, 10 years ago, he promised to

attend the bar mitzvah of the lad, which will take place at the Kotel, the Western Wall, three years from now and repeated the promise to the Indianapolis leader on a visit last week.

Secret sharer

Writing in his bulletin about his vacation in Chicago, Rabbi Marc H. Wilson told his Atlanta congregation about the annual "Book of Life," published by the Chicago Federation in which are listed the names and the amounts of contributors. "As you can imagine," he wrote, "checking up on your friends and enemies is a venerated community spectator sport. Two observations: (a) Atlanta's per capita giving puts Chicago's to shame. (b) What most of my Chicago Rabbinical colleagues contribute is embarrassing. Atlanta rabbis need not be ashamed. But, then again, I

Gutmann — Jesus the Jew

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throughout the ages. If anything, these Crucifixions point an accusing finger at Christian brutality, persecution and hatred. Chagall wrote: "I'm working on themes from the Torah, and if you find a crucifixion there too, it stands for my Jewish people, which is constantly being

tormented and crucified."

In the light of the Holocaust, one would expect a Christian theologian to provide a more accurate and sensitive interpretation of Jesus the Jew. Pelikan's treatment of him can only be rejected by Jewish readers.

Bloch — Jewish conspiracies

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means for the exploitation of non-Jews for their own personal enrichment. In his comments Brafmann added that similar conspiracies were afoot in all kahals. The forgery of the minutes was conclusively proven by the fact that one third of the minutes bore dates which fell on the Sabbath when Jewish councils never met and surely

could not have kept any written minutes.

The infamous Protocols of the Elders of Zion, which echoed the theme of a Jewish conspiracy, appeared in Russia 35 years after the publication of Brafmann's book. The ground for the belief in Jewish conspiracies was well prepared by the apostate Brafmann.

CONTEST WINNER

This week the Post and Opinion congratulates Mrs. E. Birnbaum, of Denver, Colo., and Barbara Roth, of New York City, who unmasked the Post and Opinion Mystery Man, Richard Dreyfuss. This week the contest starts again with a new Mystery Person.

Richard Dreyfuss

From the time he began acting in Hebrew school plays, Richard Dreyfuss knew he wanted to be an actor; by age 30 he was an American cinema star, a veteran of the stage and an Oscar winner. Best-known for his comic roles in such films as The Apprenticeship of

Duddy Kravitz and Neil Simon's The Goodbye Girl, Dreyfuss is also an accomplished performer of dramatic repertory. Dreyfuss's career took shape during his student years at Beverly Hills High School, when he began to act professionally at the Gallery Theater in Los Angeles. In 1967 he succeeded in obtaining conscientious objector status with his local draft board and, to fulfill his two-year requirement of alternative service, he dropped out of college and worked as a file clerk on the night shift at Los Angeles County General Hospital.

In The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz (1974), based on Mordecai Richler's novel of the

same name, Dreyfuss portrayed an 18-year-old lower-middle-class Jew from Montreal during the 1940s, whose ambitions to "make it" blind him to the hurt he often inflicts on people around him. In Jaws (1975), directed by Steven Spielberg, he was Matt Hooper, an ichthyologist who participates in a frightening shark hunt. One of Dreyfuss's few failures was Inserts (1976), in which he portrayed a filmmaker during the 1930s who is unable to get work and thus turns to making pornographic films as "art." Inserts received an X-rating — and a drubbing by movie critics — but Dreyfuss claims that it contains much of his finest acting.

Wallman — Alcott

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Brian Mondschein (P) was U.S. ranked number 46 in the decathlon.

Among the women, Nora Collas, a senior at the University of Houston from Cleveland Heights, Ohio, was world ranked number 31 in the 10,000 m. run and U.S. ranked number 3 in the 5,000 m. Williky, Kaufman, Mondschein, Flax and Collas, were all members of the 1985 U.S. Maccabiah team.

At the NCAA Cross-Country Championships, Nora Collas was number 9 in the women's race, while senior

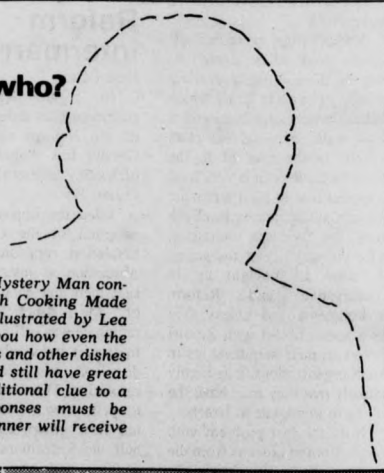
David Krafzur placed number 29 in the men's race for the University of Tennessee.

number 44 in the discus, while Todd Kaufman of San Jose, Calif., was U.S. ranked number 32 in the shot-put and number 28 in the discus. In an event dominated by East Europeans, Ken Flax of the University of Oregon was U.S. ranked number 3 in the hammer (only one American made the world top 50), while Aaron Buckholtz (P) of Woodland Hills, CA., was number 39. Princeton graduate David Olds was number 16 in the United States in the marathon, while veteran

CONTEST

Do you know who's who?

He is the son of an insurance broker.



The winner of the Post and Opinion Mystery Man contest will receive a free copy of "Jewish Cooking Made Slim" edited by Marjorie Weiner and illustrated by Lea Gabbay. This unique cook book shows you how even the most luscious desserts, breads and pastas and other dishes can be prepared with fewer calories and still have great taste! Each week there will be an additional clue to a well-known Jewish personality. Responses must be made by mail. In case of a tie, each winner will receive the prize.